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Hopeful Trojans Jared Gutierrez (12) poses as the Trojan for the Homecoming parade in hopes for many Trojan victories for all sports throughout the school year. Big Dreamer Jackie Smailis (12) started her senior year to not only make it to state, but to pursue swimming at the collegiate level. Smailis, who placed 12th in the 50 freestyle and 14th in the 100 backstroke at state, will swim for the Boilermakers next fall.

Hoping for Laughs Zach Fraley (10) and Autumn Wilson (11) star in the Fall HTC production of "Don't Mention my Name." The cast had the audience erupting with laughter on September 27 and 28, 2014.





# Little Hopes...Big Dreams

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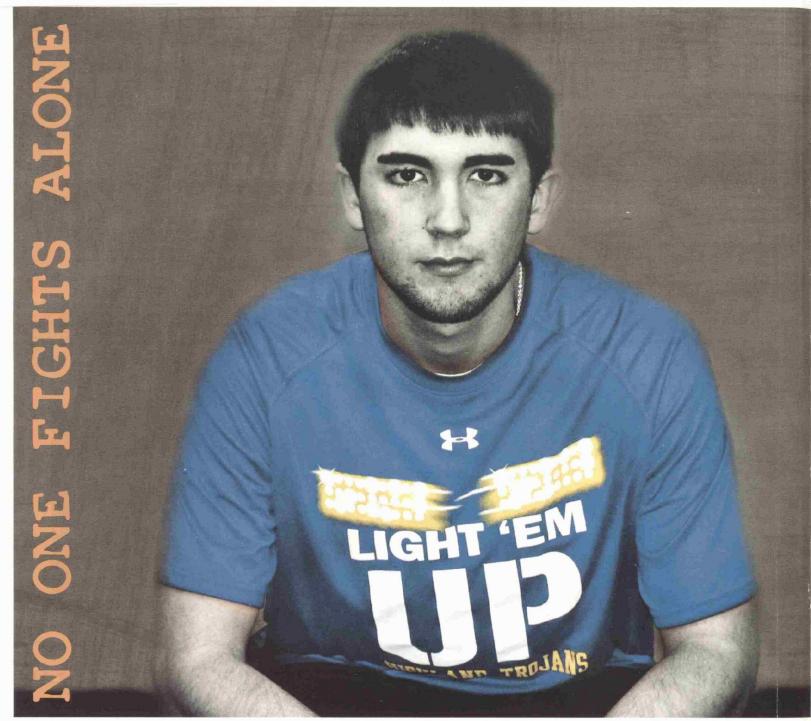
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 $\mathbf{H}$ igh school is arguably going to be a time for some of the best memories

of our lives. However, it may not seem like it now, while we routinely walk through the red lockered halls of Highland and sit in classrooms with boring whiteboards and desks. But in a few years we will look back and think about what could have been. This school, our school, has helped us embark on our journey to discover our potential and define who we want to become. It probably was not always fun transitioning from the immaturity of a freshman to the seasoned senior or the years between, but it is four years of our lives we'll never forget. It's the times everyone looks back upon and tells his/her children about. Everything we learn in high school becomes the foundation of what motivates us to continue and make our big dreams come true.

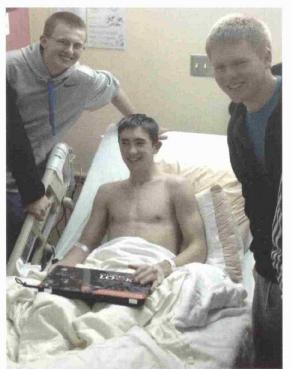
Here at Highland High School hope is all around us. Bobby Dempsey (12) had a slightly different start as a freshman when he heard the words he never wanted to hear. Bobby Dempsey had leukemia. His whole world was flipped upside down. Dempsey shared, "My dad had to explain to me what leukemia was." He wasn't aware of the meaning of his condition, and

finding out that it meant cancer was the most devastating feeling in the world. Throughout his experience, he had his friends and school's support during his whole fight. His fellow classmates made shirts for him and had an orange day in his honor. Everyone came together to show their support for Bobby's hope to fight. He was happy they were always there for him. Not even a year before, his mom fought breast cancer. Dempsey professed, "It was hard to see what my mom went through, and I thought about how much bad luck we were having. That was hard to see." During his treatment, Dempsey explained that all he wanted to do was to see his friends. Instead, every day he had to go to the hospital for his treatment. With time, this process got easier.

With his mother's hope and strong support system, he wanted to fight. He believed he could get through this hard time of his life. Some days were worse than others, but his hope led him to know that everything would be okay in the end. Dempsey learned to appreciate the little things more. His advice to his classmates is, "Life is a gift and you need to learn to stop hating things. Try to be happy more. You don't know what is going to happen to you. I learned to enjoy the little things more and the little things that people do for you because those are what people do to help you get

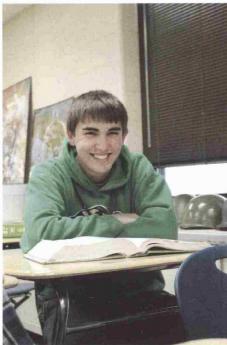
Senior Bobby Dempsey has been carried by support of our student body through his battle with cancer. The support of his family and classmates allowed Bobby to never give up. His friends continue to carry Bobby today, even in ways of crowd surfing.

Keep the Faith From the beginning of his diagnosis, Dempsey decided to fight and believe that he would win his battle. There was no other option.

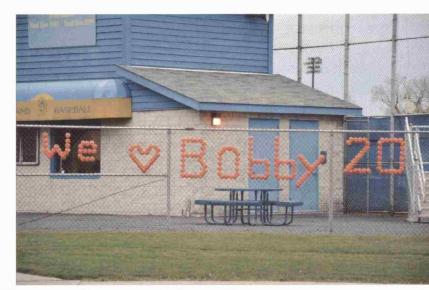




Finishing strong Reaching senior year was an accomplishment in itself. Dempsey dedicated himself to his studies, friendships and leaving a positive mark on Highland High School.



Support Our Own After a lifetime of playing baseball, Dempsey's heart was on the field with his teammates even while he went through treatment. In return, the Baseball program expressed their love and support of Dempsey and his fight.



through the day."

All the students of Highland High School came together as one to support Bobbys decision to fight. The hope that Dempsey showed throughout his fight should inspire everyone to never give up. Bumps in our diverging lanes will only stall us for a short while, but in the end they are opportunities to use to grow and often offer the best lessons in life. His experience has not only taught us to never give up on ourselves, but it has also shown us that nobody fights alone.

Here, we are surrounded by students who are going through similar things as each other. High school is a place where we discover who we truly are. It is important to remember that as you embark on your next stage of life, we should experience things with an open mind and an open heart. Our journey we take as high school students show us our little hopes and big dreams of life. We have to always remember where we came from and what got us here. Remember, Highland High School helped define who we are and who we will become. This is the time for us to change our little hopes that we have for ourselves into big dreams. Just like Bobby Demspey and his fight, we learn to keep on hoping and never give up.

# The Trojan History

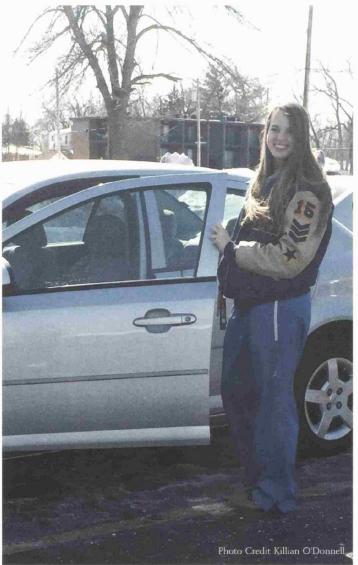
FOREVER IN OUR DREAMS...



It is clear that our student section really knows how to cheer on our team, but that's no surprise. You can find this crowd of super fans at almost any game. As tradition lives on, students dress in their best toga ensembles for one football season game. Other annual events like Coaches vs. Cancer during basketball season allows our students and community to support causes and charities such as the American Cancer Society.

Many little things throughout the building blocks of Highland High School assist students in developing self pride, as well as in each other. The senior bench, A-lot, pep rallies, tailgate, class competitions and more, replay in each school year. Each tradition carried from one year to the next allows Trojans to continue to be united as one.





Ashley Meloy (12) parks in A-Lot. This lot has been known as Senior Lot since 1970 when the Staff Lot was constructed.



Our Mascot Troy, portrayed by Jared Gutierrez (12) attends every sporting event to cheer on all of our teams. He brings spirit to not only the games but the pep rallies and parades as well.





After every victory on our home turf, our boys run the bell across the field to be rung in honor of our big wins! Seeing the bell not only excites the players, but the crowd goes wild as well. Donated by Mr. Madura's class of 1969, this bell brings celebration and pride to each game as we take home a victory!

Our annual pep rallies take place in the main gym where the student body comes together to show their school spirit for the seasons teams. Games also take place, one being tug of war shown here. During the winter pep rally the basketball, swimming, and wrestling teams battle against each other for the win.

## Little Hopes

Randy Rhoten (12) joined the Football team during summer of 2014. Not to run on the field and tackle someone, or to throw a touchdown. Instead he joined to support his friends, crack jokes, and to be a part of something big. Rhoten, known for his famous laugh, built relationships like no other. From group pictures before the Homecoming Dance with the team, and sharing the dance floor the Trojans hoped for so much more than including Rhoten. He was their companion, friend and go to person. Rhoten who was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma cancer at the age of 4 years and 6 months was only given 6 months to live. With experimental treatments and adult doses of radiation, Rhoten survived. With smiles Rhoten hopes to move to Disney World some day to find employment as a character like Mickey Mouse, Goofy or Chip and Dale.



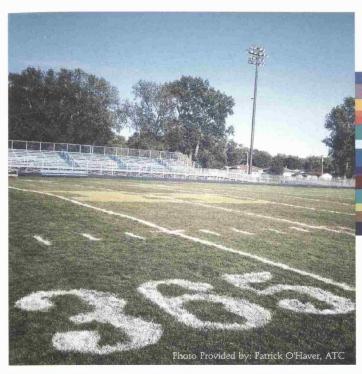
With hopes of making it big someday soon, Catherine Larson (11) tried out for The Voice Spring 2015.



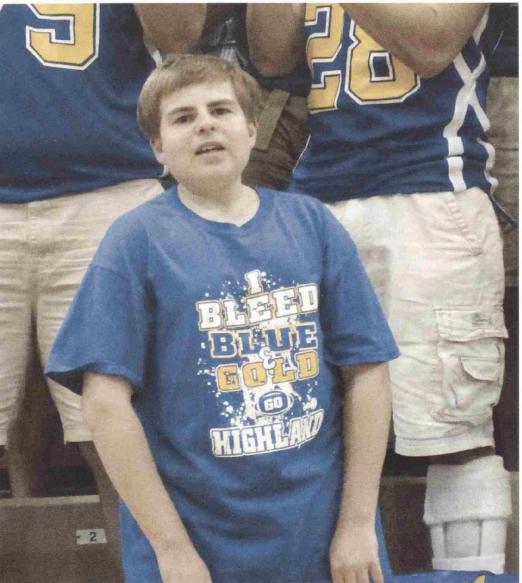
In hopes of learning the career demands of Athletic Training, Lindsey Grzymski (12) and Sara Gordon (11) assist Patrick O'Haver, ATC with an injury on the sidelines.







On a Friday afternoon prior to the Highland Trojans vs. Lowell Red Devils, the field was lined with its usual white paint. Also painted that day was the 365 yard line in honor of the badge number of Merrillville Police Officer Nickolaus Shultz who was shot in the line of duty. Shultz was a 2009 Lowell graduate. Highland High School shared in the sadness and also in the dream of hope for safety in our community and surrounding areas.





Emily Bishop (12) shared hopes to impact her kindergarten class at Southridge Elementary while serving as a cadet teacher.

Randy Rhoten (12) shows his true Highland Pride during the Homecoming Pep Rally Boy Scout, Kyle Polster's (11) dreams came true when he completed his Eagle Scout Project Spring 2015 by helping with the beautification of the Lincoln Center sign.

Number 1 Singles player, Holly Santaguida (12) signed her letter of intent with Huntington University to fufill her dream of playing college tennis.





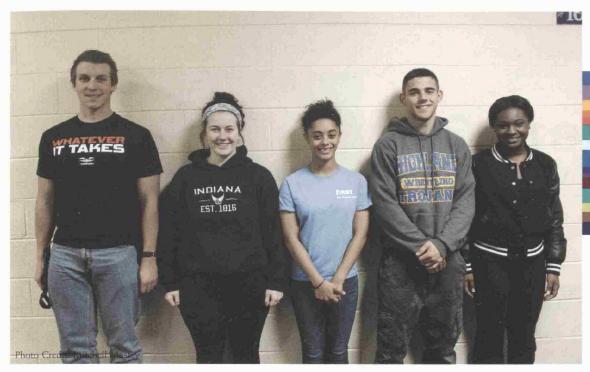
## Big Dreamer

Duchenne muscular dystrophy is a genetic disorder that occurs in one out of three thousand male infants. For most people who do find out they have been diagnosed, it is a devastating blow to their lives; but not to junior Haitham Zitioui. Zitioui is known as one of the most optimistic and intelligent people at school by his peers. He shows this by his will power to make himself the best he can be.

He and his family noticed a limp that slowly began to introduce itself to his life. His parents had him checked by numerous doctors, but they all disregarded it. At age five, a new specialist diagnosed and confirmed that he had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Although Zitioui had a limp, he was still able to do anything else a normal child was able to do. Being able to run, walk, jump, and play during recess would soon be memories of the past. By nine years of age, Zitioui needed a walker and a wheelchair to get around. He was no longer able to play with the other kids during recess. But nevertheless, he kept his head and his hopes high.

Upon transferring to the middle school in seventh grade, Zitioui no longer had to sit on the sidelines and watch since there was no more recess. He then used his intellect to overcome the obstacle that was his disability. His mind is the tool he used to succeed. Zitioui uses his brain to overcome challenges daily. Zitioui continues to challenge his mind everyday. Many people have to overcome many different obstacles on a daily basis. Whether it's fear, addictions, or in Zitioui's case, a disability, it has become a way of life for him. Zitioui's goals include getting a PhD in theoretical physics and becoming a professor of theoretical physics in a university setting. His will to succeed will allow him to achieve this goal and reach beyond his and anyone else's expectations.





The hope of serving our country in the various military branches will become a reality for these Trojans.



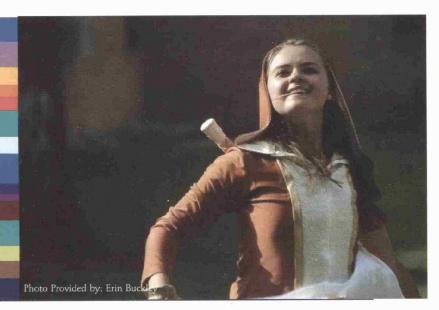


The dream of being as strong as he could during football was practice for the strength needed when Matthew Markovich (12) received the diagnosis of leukemia just weeks before graduation.

Haitham Zitioui (11) makes his way to his next class with a smile on his face.

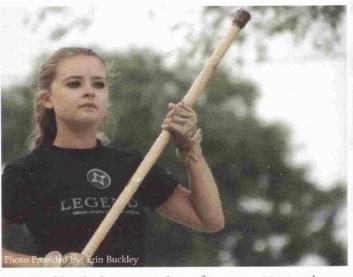
## Summer 2014

#### Traveling, Volunteer Experiences and More

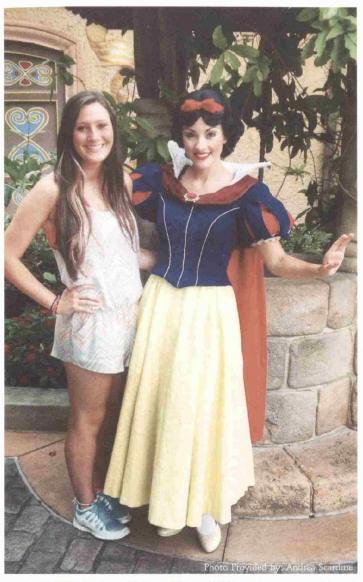


Traveling all over the east coast as a vacation is one thing, but having a 70 day color guard summer schedule is truly demanding work. Erin Buckley (12) entered senior year prepared for her fifth year of Marching Band. However, this year she came with a slightly new experience thanks to competing at the national drum core level by being a part of Legend's Drum & Bugle Corps during summer of 2014. Buckley's summer was filled with traveling and performing. In the beginning, preparation consisted of 15 days of intense physical training. Each day, waking up at 5 in the morning to run miles before 7 am was just the beginning. Meeting new friends and gaining experience was an ultimate success. By day Buckley and her team continued performing at parades as well as on the field, and by night high schools served as hotel rooms where air mattress were set up on the gym floor. Traveling on buses with well over 100 others aged 16-22 got her from place to place. With hard work and dedication, Buckley will return for a second summer with Legend's before heading off to Ball State University to continue in her passion of Color Guard at the collegiate level. To her, this was an amazing experience she will never forget. She plans to continue to train and later hopes to become a coach.

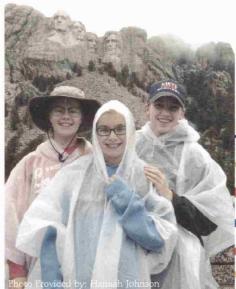




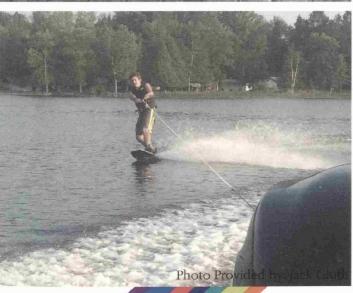
Erin Buckley (12) spent 70 days of Summer 2014 with Legends Drum & Bugle Corps practicing, performing and competing all across the midwest and east coast.

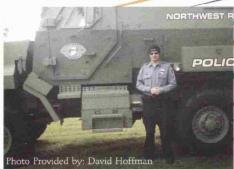


Andrea Scardine (12) spent part of her summer with Snow White while visiting Walt
Disney World with
her family.



Hannah Johnson (12) took a trip to South
Dakota with her family.
While there they visited
Mt. Rushmore. Johnson is pictured here with her sisters.





Zachary Syvertsen David Hoffman (12) spent lots of time on the lake wake boarding in Minnesota.

(11) volunteered many hours with the Police Explorers to learn more about the career.

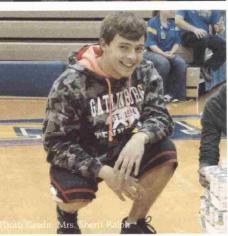
### All are Welcome

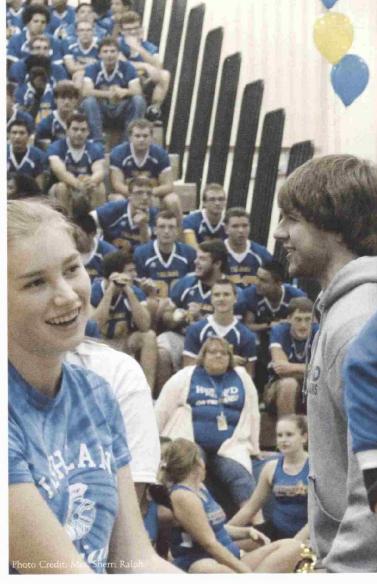
November 15, 2013 changed the life of Mihailo Majkic (12). Majkic, known as Misha, moved to America from Ukraine. Enrolling at Highland High School was a scary fear for him to face because he did not know the English language. It was difficult for Misha because he could not understand what was being asked of him, nor could he ask for assistance. May 31, 2015, Majkic walked across the stage and received his high school diploma. Joining the football team, attending the Area Career Center, and building friendships during the school year helped Majkic develop his ability to comprehend, read, and speak the English language. He appreciates the opportunities available in the United States. The ability for teenagers to drive and have a car is shocking to him. He would not have this advantage in his home country due to the financial expenses. Majkic's dreams include having fun with friends, and getting a good job. He hopes to make new friends, and continue to bond with his friends he has already made. He would eventually like to have a large family of his own and live happily in his new home, here in America.

Amarius Franklin
(12) pictured with
Hailey Baker (12)
poses at Main
Square Park prior
to the
Homecoming
Dance. Franklin
moved to
Highland from
Memphis, TN the
summer before his
junior year.

Transferring during
his junior year,
Jacob Miller (11)
moved to
Highland. He
wasn't hesitant to
get involved in his
first Highland pep
rally.









Mrs. Buckman's first grade class gathers together after the Class of 2015 graduation picture. This group has been together since their days at Merkley Elementary. Mrs. Buckman waited for this class to graduate so that she could retire with them.





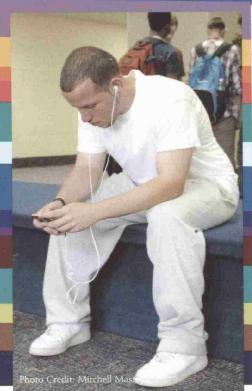
Assistant Principal, Mr. Madura has been a part of Highland since he began high school. Madura was part of the graduating Class of 1969. Madura went on to teach Art at all grade levels in the district before moving into an administrative role.

Mihailo Majkic (12) prepares to put all of his strength into the tugo-war to lead the seniors to a victory.

Brooke Morton (12), Maxwell Mastey (12), Jordan O'Day (12), Sean Howard (12), Julie Neidow (12) enjoy their time during lunch, being able to communicate with the outside world due to the new cell phone rules.

Heather Johnson (12) and Mikayla Goetz (12) share a laugh over an amusing social media post.





While enjoying the ability to listen to music during lunch, Jamie Baker (12) is able to choose his favorite track.

It's safe to say that it's known how Hunter Hudnall (12) and Bradley Trichak (12) spend their lunch hour.



## Cell Phones \ in School

#### The New Rule that made a huge change for the year.

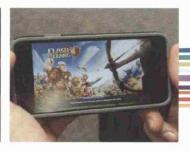
Highland High School began a new rule this year, allowing High School students to use their electronics during passing periods and lunch. As long as students could keep their phones away during class, this rule is still present. As the year went on the rule stayed active. Most of the kids are all for cell phones and say it's great. It's been very useful this school year for many reasons. Tiffani Almeda (11) said "I use my phone before classes to study for tests." Mr. Fronek, Assistant Principal, mentioned "Detentions have decreased this year by a lot because of this rule." Students use their electronics for many different things. Kids communicate to other students through many different apps like Snapchat and Twitter. Nick Keil (12) said "I think the rule is great because I get less detentions, and I can talk to my friends without getting in trouble. I also enjoy listening to music so thats another plus!"

#### app by app















Tumblr: Tumblr is a popular app among kids who like to blog. It's similar to Instagram but has many other unique features.



Brianne Giba (10) and Isis Curiel (10) sit outside their classroom during their student aide period. As part of the new rule here at Highland High School you are allowed to use your phones in the hallways.

Twitter: Twitter is a way of expressing your feelings and emotions. Twitter is unique because you have to express yourself with 140 characters or less.

Snapchat: Snapchat is a photo messaging app. You can take photos, record videos, add text and drawings, and send them to your friends.

Clash of Clans: A fun game to play with friends or random people is Clash of Clans. The goal of the game is to build up your village, join a clan and then fight other clans.

# Making Memories...

#### THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME



Highland High School is very proud to announce college signings for all six of these star Football players. Mr. Grider said, "I am very proud of these young men. It's great to see young people that I the game so much continue their participation in this sport." These six young men are the most college football signings Highland High School has seen under Coach Grider.

As we begin a new chapter of our lives, the seniors here at Highland High School have made a special bond no one will forget. We cherish our moments here as a class and join together at the end for the final goodbye. Senior year goes by quickly and we have to remember what brought us here. We learn certain things about different people we wish we would have earlier. These are the moments we will always remember. Some will make us laugh some will make us cry but nevertheless we will never forget them. As our time as High School Students comes to an end we start to remember the best times in our four years here. In the end we will commemorate our journey as a class and we know Highland High School was there every step of the way. We continue to tell the Freshman and Sophomores to have fun while you can, because time really goes by so quickly. Of course in those years we did not believe the upper class men ourselves but as we stand here today we know how fast time has truly gone. With graduation right around the corner we are looking forward to our future and the years to come. Congratulations class of 2015! It is now our time to guide the new future generations and continue to move forward as one.





Seniors Clay Keltner and Jeremy O'donnell stop by the spaghetti dinner before going to the boys basketball game in there super fan attire.

Keltner shared his favorite memory during his years at Highland was playing baseball with his best friends and enjoying his time here as a high school student, "I will miss my memories I have made here, It was awesome!" O'Donnell also remembered, Sophomore year during the bouncy ball contest, when Jackie Smailis fell and ripped her pants. She didn't even know she did until after the contest! That was the best moment of high school for me. She was laughed at for weeks!"





The Class of 2015 going crazy for their last Pep Rally of the year. Everyone was pumped up on their feet and cheering on the teams and clubs walking by.

During spirit week a few aides lounged on the couch in their all black attire. These girls made sure this week was full of fun and spirit dressing up each and every day. This day in particular they showed their spirit with Senior color day wearing all black!

#### REMEMBER WHEN...



"I loved freshman year, when everyone was full of spirit at the pep rallies. Everyone was having a good time and cheering. Its crazy that time went by so fast! I had so much fun my four years

-Eliza Hernandez



"Turnabout was so much fun for me this year, with Kylie Smolar. It was great to have an one of my last dances with my awesome girl! But it was hilarious when she sat down and ripped her dress!" -Jonathan Payne



"Junior and Senior year, I was able to go to the career center. This gave me so much inspiration and experience for my future career. It was fun and I also met so many people from other schools!"

-Selena Santana



"Senior year was the best! I was able to go down to girls swimming state, it was such a crazy and compete as well as watch one of my best friends swim!" -Hannah Johnson



"Junior year, the first day of rehearsal for the production of Beauty and The Beast Orlando Orozco fun experience. I had mistakingly hit me in the chance to see girls the head with a prop. It hurt, but looking back it was hysterical!" -Jacqueline Fiscus



"I loved dressing up at all the sporting events to support each team! I always wore my favorite Jesus costume. Everyone loved it. Especally when we had the Toga Night!" -Nicholas Keil



"Junior year prom was my best time. Being at Meyers Castle was so beautiful and fun with my friends. I can't wait for this years prom, I know it will be truly bittersweet." -Haleigh Oakley



"Last year during the Winter Pep Rally the teachers participated in the pie eating contest. Watching my swim coach, Mr. Harrington eating the pie was hilarious! I will never forget watching that!" -Tamara Templeton





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Jordan Cooper



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#### ANALISE CASTRO

Analise Castro (17) is a senior at Highland High School. She recently participated in the Miss Teen Indiana Latina Pageant where each girl represents a town in Indiana that they're from. Castro was known as "Miss Highland."

This was her first beauty pageant and she admits she was beyond nervous. "I was so nervous that I could have peed my pants," she said, luckily she didn't. Castro explained that she did this competition because of the love for her culture. It was one of the best things she has ever participated in and she learned it was one thing she loves most about herself.

This competition was really tough and it wasn't all about exterior looks. Confidence was one of the many things that Castro struggled with in the beginning of the competition, and

something that she needed to overcome.

It was time for announcing the top four and even the thought of top four wasn't even in her mind. Feeling sick to her stomach, they announced the top four and Analise was announced as second runner up. As a shy person, Castro never talked in front of crowds and always was quiet. Due to this great experience, she gained not only second runner up of the Miss Teen Indiana Latina Pageant but also confidence in the long run.

Now speaking in front of people is much easier to do. In her mind this will benefit her later on in her life. Castro was very proud of what she accomplished and plans on entering more pageants in the future.





Stephanie Czarnecki

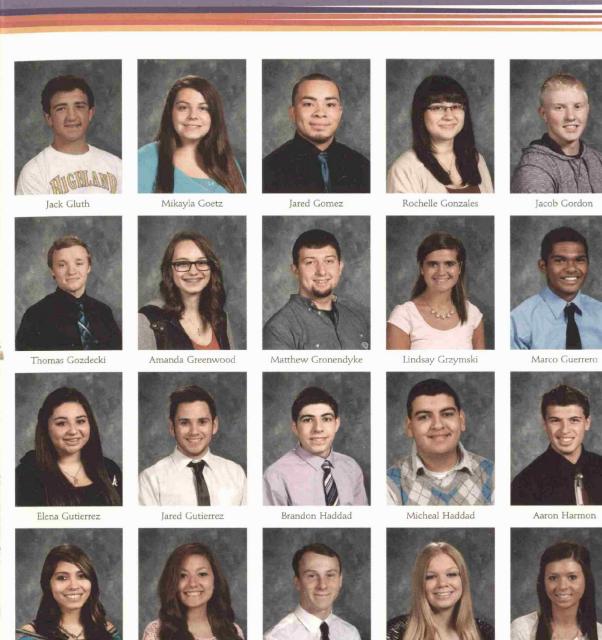
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Jordan Hlinko



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Adam Homrich



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Sean Howard



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Jean-Ross Hugo



Alyssa Ingels



Julissa Iniguez



Elissa Jancich



Chloe Jarmula



Hannah Johnson



Heather Johnson



Tyler Johnson

#### ADAM BATLINER

Racers, start your engines! That is what Adam Batliner, hears every Saturday night. Most high schoolers join clubs like theater, art club, and student council. But not Batliner, he races. "Climbing into the car, straping in, checking gauges, all while under the bright lights gives you a rush", Batliner says. Every year, this young man builds a car from the bottom up. He tightens bolts, pulls on cords and even tweaks the engine. What is even more unique than his talent is his story on how he got to be the racer he is today.



Batliner had a great influence on his life, his grandfather. He spent nearly every weekend with him working on cars. When he passed away, Batliner took the knowledge he had gained to the track. With his grandpa by his side in spirits, he has never been in any serious accidents. "Passing the finish line in first place makes it all worth it. You get a feeling of success." Batliner has finished 1st multiple times. He has also finished last mutiple times. "Finishing last is not the best feeling, but not the worst. It gives you something to work for next time".

Batliner's unique character comes from the racing community. "Everyone gets along, helps each other, and is there for the fun of the sport," Batliner explained. "There are times you get a car on Friday and have to get it ready for Saturday night, and without the racing community it could not get done."

Batliner is truly a person unlike any other. A student by day and a racer by night. His talent takes lots of sweat, blood, and tears. But when he passes the finish line it's all worth it and it's all for his grandpa.







Brooke Morton

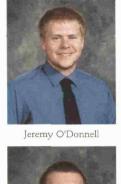




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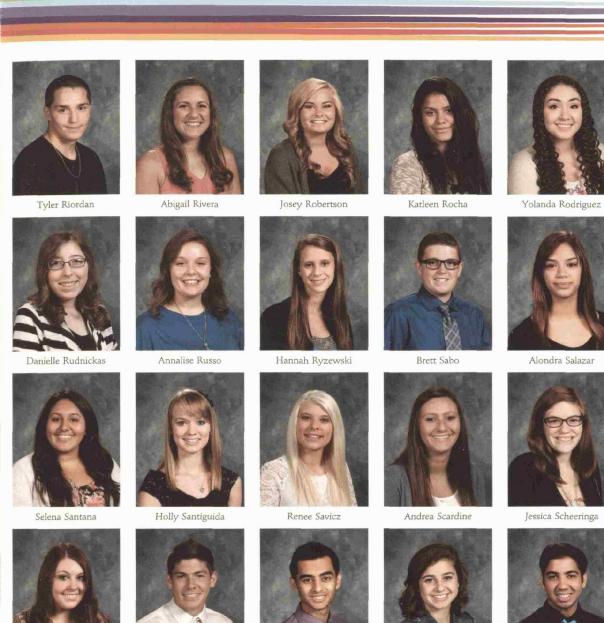
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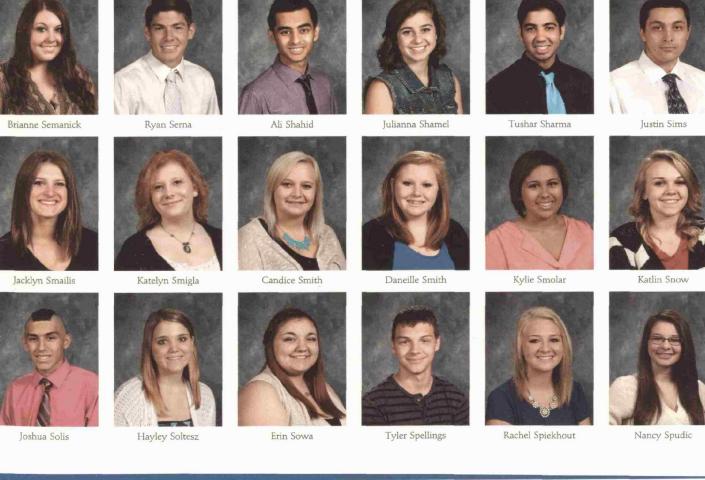






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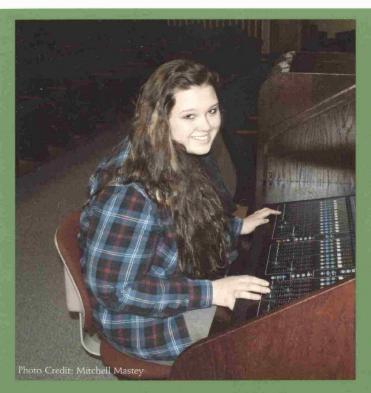
Kinsev Younker



Alec Zaharis



Adam Zehner



#### KRISTA BAKER

Krista Baker is this season's student director. Baker shares that she's always had a passion for music as well as Highland Theater Company (HTC) however, she never thought about actually becoming a director for her senior year, due to the fact that she was so devoted to her job at Penn Station. Her friends encouraged her to put her name in for the running. Baker admits that she was very nervous at the thought of it because she went up against so many other talented students. Unexpectedly, Krista landed the role!

Baker says that her very first time directing was the most nerve racking of all because she didn't want to let anyone down, but she was proud of how well the cast worked together. Out of all of her theater experiences her favorite production will always be Beauty and the Beast because she had the opportunity of assisting the play and really

enjoyed everyone involved in the production.

Before Baker's directing skills came into play, She was primarily involved in HTC, now she tells that becoming student director has only made her more involved and has given her more of a voice also, in which she feels has helped her create a whole new world, and strengthen a lot of friendships. Due to all of her remarkable experiences she's decided to attend Anderson University next fall and major in entertainment and music business, as well as minor in entrepreneurship and management; and ultimately open her own music venue in Chicago.

## Senior Bests



Most Likely to become President-Jon Payne and Anna Russo



Most Likely to be Famous-



Leo Garcia and Anna Mosoriak



Most Changed since Freshman Year-Brett Sabo and Elissa Jancich

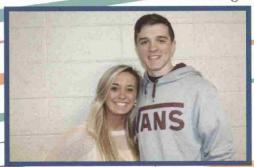


Marco Guerrero

Best Athlete-Max Young and Jackie Smailis



Most Unique- Amarius Franklin Class Diva-Claudia Espinoza-Neal



Cutest Couple-Kelsie Hirchak and Max Mastey



Biggest Gossip-Matt Markovich and Brooke Morton



Most Outgoing-Clayton Keltner and Megan Alvarado



Best Laugh-Randy Rhoten and Andrea Scardine



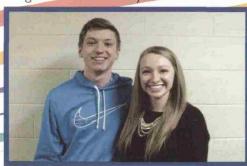
Best Friends-Andrea Scardine, Kelsie Hirchack, Taylor Ecsy, Haylie Baker



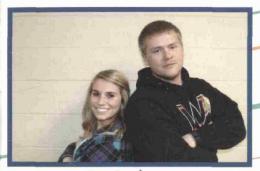
Most Likely to be on Reality TV-Mark Vargas & Grace Montoya



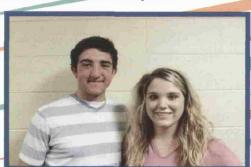
Most Creative-Dean Lebeter and Hannah Johnson



Best Smile-Kevin Pappas and Mackenzie Covault



Best Looking-Haylie Baker and Jeremy O'Donnell



Best Eyes-Jack Gluth and Hayley Soltesz



Best Dressed-Javon Goshay-Cox and Imani WIlson



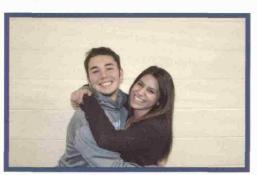
Most School Spirit-Megan O'Donnell and Jared Gutierrez



Most Likely to be Late- Tim Maksimik and Arielle Popovich



Most Talented-Zach Syvertsen and Maria Reiff



Biggest Flirt-Austin Wagoner and Emily Reyes

### Director Senior

Alvarado, Megan

StuCo 1; 4; Cheerleading 1-4; Newspaper 4; Track 3-4; Advanced Girls Choir 1-3; Madrigal 4; Varsity Choir 4; Homecoming

Amon, Nathan

Basketball 1-4; StuCo 1-2, 4

Armstrong, Alissia

Marching Band 1-4; Concert Band 1-4; Pep Band 1-4

Arya, Manasi

Tennis 1-4; Key Club 1-4; Orchestra 1-2, 4; Advanced Girls Choir 1; Varsity Choir 2-4; NHS 3-4; Science Olympiad 3-4; German HS 3-4; Debate 1-2; StuCo 1-4; Class Officer 1-4; Madrigal 2, 4

Baker, Krista

Volleyball 1; NHS 3-4; German HS 3-4; Key Club 1-2; HTC 2-4; Newspaper 2-4; German Club 3

Baker, Haylie

Softball 1-4; Volleyball 1-2; Spanish Club 3-4; Key Club 2; Homecoming Queen 4

Baldazo, David

Wrestling 2-4 Bales, Caitlyn

Bowling 1-4

Bishop, Emily Color Guard 2-3; Choir 1-2

Bohney, Kayla

NHS 2-4; Key Club 1-2; Spanish HS 3-4

Bremer, Rachel

Softball 1-4; NHS 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4; Spanish Club 1-4

Brill, Emily

NHS 3-4; Key Club 1-4; Spanish HS 4; Choir 1-4; HTC 2, 4; Madrigal Choir 4; Spanish Club 4

Brown, Arianna

Color Guard 1-3; NAHS 2-4

Buckley, Erin

Band 1-4; Color Guard 1-3; Drum Major 4

Byquist, Matthew

wimming 1-4

Caldeira-Sanjines, Talitha

Japanese Club 1-4; Latino Leadership Club 4

Campos, Tyler

Baseball 2-4

Chavez, Adrian

Cross Country 1-4; Track 1, 3-4; Varsity Choir 4

Cole, Kyle

Highland Orchestra 1-4; Japanese Club 1-4; NHS 3-4

Colon, Kevin

HTC 1-4; Choir 1-4; Japanese Club 1-4

Comer, Braxton

Baseball 1-3: Basketball 1: Football

Conaway, Chloe

Volleyball 1-4; Softball 1; Track 2; StuCo 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4; NHS 3-

Covault, Mackenzie

Cheerleading 1-4; Varsity Choir 1-4; StuCo 2-4; HTC 1-4; Madrigal 2.4

Dabrowski, Christopher

Japanese Club 2-4; Japanese HS 2-4; Swimming 1-4

DalSanto, Daniel

Basketball 1-4; Cross Country 1-3; Track and Field 1; Boys Golf 2

Dempsey, Kelly

Girls Soccer 1-4; NHS 2-4; Key Club 2; StuCo 2-4

Dempsey, Robert

Prom King 3; Girl Scout Team 3-4

Drake, Abigail

Japanese Club 2-4

Duke, Phaidra

Spanish HS 3-4; NHS 3-4

Dyer, Kelsey

Girls Soccer 1-4; Girls Swimming 1-3; Student Council 2-4; NHS 3-4; Track 2; Key Club 1-2

Ecsy, Taylor

Volleyball 1-4; Softball 1; Track 2-4; Homecoming Court 4; Spanish Club 4; Key Club 2

Feltz, Amber

Key Club 1-2, 4; Latino Leadership Club 3-4; Prom Committee 3;

Fisher, Nathan

Wrestling 2-4; NHS 2-4; German HS 2-3; Football 1-2

Fiscus, Jacqueline

Girls Choir 1-4; HTC 1-4; Key Club 3-4; Track 1; Soccer 1-2; NHS 4; Spanish NHS 3-4

Foundes, Matthew

StuCo 1-4; Spanish Club 2-4; Spanish HS 2-4; Football 1-4; NHS 3-4

Franklin, Amarius

Varsity Choir 3-4; HTC 3-4; Yearbook 4; Homecoming King 4

Fulkerson, Morgan

Color Guard 1-3; Japanese Club 1-4; NHS 3-4; HTC 1-4; Japanese Olympiad 1-3

Gluth, Jack

Baseball 1-4; NHS 2-4; German NHS 2-4; Tennis 3-4; Float 1-3; Prom Commitee 3

Goetz, Mikayla

NHS 2-4; Spanish HS 2-4; Swimming 1-4; Turnabout Committee 3; Spanish Club 1-4

Gonzales, Rochelle

Japanese Club 2-4; NAHS 4

Grzymski, Lindsay

Soccer 1-3; Cross Country 4

Guerrero, Marco

Soccer 1-4

Gutierrez, Jared

HTC 1-4; Varsity Choir 2-4; Track

Harnisch, Katie

Golf 2-4; NHS 4; Swimming 2-4; Softball 1-4; Science Olympiad 1-4; Advanced Choir 2; Varsity Choir 3-

Harrington, Kaeley

HTC 1-4 Hernandez, Sydney

Key Club 1-2; Tennis 1-4; Science Olympiad 3-4; NHS 3-4; Japanese HS 3-4; Debate 1-3

Herron, Brandon

Football 4

Hillegonds, Felicity

Key Club 2-4; Softball 1-4; Spanish Club 2-4; NHS 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4

Hirchak, Kelsie

Basketball 1, 3; Softball Manager 1-2; Spanish Club 4; Key Club 1-2; Homecoming Court 4

Hlinko, Jordan

Volleyball 1-4

Homrich, Brianne

Cross Country 1-4; Track 1-2; German HS 3-4;

Houchin, Olivia

Cheerleading 1-4; StuCo 3-4; NHS 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4; NAHS 3-4

Howard, Sean

Choir 4; Track 1-4; Basketball 2

Ingels, Alyssa Key Club 2-4

Iniguez; Julissa

NHS 3-4; NAHS 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4; Key Club 2-4; Tennis 3-4; Basketball 1; Spanish Club 2-4

Jancich, Elissa

Soccer 1-2; Yearbook 3; NHS 3-4 Spanish HS 3-4; Key Club 1-2; Speech 3

Johnson, Hannah

Art HS 3-4; Swimming 1-4; Key Club 1-2

Johnson, Heather

NAHS 2-4 Johnson, Tyler

Basketball 3

Juranovich, Anthony

Tennis 1, 3-4

Keltner, Clayton Baseball 1-4; NHS 3-4; German HS 3-4; Football 1; Girl's Scout Team 1-4

Kornacki, Jason

Football 1-2; Baseball 1-4

Kovacik, Ryan

Swimming 2

Lebeter, Dean HTC 2-4; Japanese Club 3-4; Japanese Club 3-4; Orchestra 1-4; Homecoming Court 4

Light, Jessica

Volleyball 1-2



Lopez, Kaleb

Japanese Club 2-4; Japanese HS 3-4

Lozano, Emily

NAHS 4; Orchestra 1-4; Bowling 1-

Lula, Elizabeth

Colorguard 1-3; Japanese Club 1-4; NHS 3-4; NAHS 3-4; Japanese HS 3-4; Japanese Olympiad 2-4

Macias, Angelica

Soccer 1-2; Key Club 1-2

Mastey, Maxwell

Swimming & Diving 1-4; Soccer 1-4: Football 4

Mastey, Mitchell

Swimming & Diving 1-4; Yearbook 4; Track 1-2; Soccer 1-2

Meloy, Ashley

Soccer 1-4; Basketball 1-4

McQuillian, Nicholas

Football 1-3; Baseball 3-4; Track 2

McQuillian, Sean

Football 2-4; Track 2; Spanish Club

Miller, Delanie

Color Guard1-3; Japanese Club 1-4; Japanese HS 3-4; Japanese Olympiad 2-4

Montoya, Grace

Varsity Choir 3-4; HTC 2-4; Key Club 1-2; Advanced Girl's Choir 1-2; Track 1

Mosoriak, Anna

HTC 1-4; Japanese Club 1-3; NHS 3-4; Japanese HS 3-4; Varsity Choir 1-4; Madrigal 2, 4

Neidow, Julie

Basketball 1-3; Track 2-4; Cross Country 3-4; NHS 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4; Spanish Club 3-4; StuCo 1-4; Cadet Teacher 4; Class Officer 2-4

Oakley, Haleigh

Key Club 2; Track 2, 4

O'Day, Jordan

Soccer 1-4; Basketball 1

O'Donnell, Jeremy

Baseball 1-4; Football 1-2; Basketball 1; Girls Scout Team 1-4; Spanish Club 2-4; NHS 3-4

O'Donnell, Killian

HTC 1-4; StuCo 1-2; Yearbook 3-4

O'Donnell, Megan

Cheerleading 1-4; Class Officer 1-4; Varsity Choir 2-4; NHS 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4; Spanish Club 1-2; Homecoming Court 4

O'Donnell, Nolan

Cross Country 1-4; Track 1-4; Speech 3

Oliver, Blake

NHS 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4; StuCo 3-4; Girl's Scout Team 4

Orosco, Renee

Cross Country 2-4

Pagan, Antonio
Basketball 3-4

Padilla, Gino

Football 1-4

Payne, Jonathan

Bowling 1-4; Golf 1-4; NHS 3-4

Petree, Nolan

Baseball 1-4

Pfister, Kyle

Football 1; Cross Country 2-4; Track 2-4; StuCo 2-4; NAHS 3; Swimming 3

Polen, Alaina

Color Guard 1-4; Color Guard Captain 4

Popovich, Arielle

Swimming 2-3; Track 2; Key Club 1-4; Yearbook 3; Choir 1-2; HTC 3-4; Spanish Club 4; Latino Club 4; Prom Committee 3

Pulleyblank, Branden

Basketball 1-4

Rattray, Indimian Japanese Club 1-4

Rentschler, Eric

Football 1-4; Track 1-4; NHS 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4

Reyes, Emily

Volleyball 1-4; StuCo 1-2; Basketball 1-2

Rhoten, Randall

Football Manager 4

Rivera, Abigail

Cross Country 1-4; Track 1-4; NHS 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4

Rocha, Katleen

Spanish HS 4; Spanish Club 4; Track 3-4

Rudnickas, Danielle

Bowling 1-4;

Ryzewski, Hannah

Volleyball 1-4; Basketball 1-3; Softball 1-4; Student Council 1, 4

Sabo, Brett

Tennis 1-4; Baseball 1-4; Varsity Choir 3-4

Santaguida, Holly

Tennis 1-4; Basketball 1-2; Spanish HS 3; Choir 1-4

Santana, Selena

Key Club 1, 4; Spanish Club 1, 3; Diversity Club 1; Latin Latino Leadership Club 4

Scardine, Andrea

Cross Country 2-4; NHS 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4; Spanish Club 3-4; Softball Manager 2; Key Club 1-2; Homecoming Court 4; Prom Court 3

Scoville, Caitlyn

NHS 3-4; Decathlon 1-4; Spanish HS 3-4; Key Club 1-3; NAHS 3-4; Science Olympiad 3-4; StuCo 3; Debate 2-3

Semanick, Brianne

Key Club 1, 4; Latino Leadership Club 4; Spanish Club 4; Spanish HS 3-4; Prom Committee 3

Serna, Ryan

Soccer 1-4; Baseball 1-3; Swimming 3-4

Smailis, Jackie

Spanish HS 3-4; StuCo 3-4; Spanish Club 1-4; Speech Team 3; Debate 1- 2; Golf 3-4; Swimming 1-4; Book Club 1; Key Club 1-2; Yearbook 3-4

Smigla, Katelyn

Advanced Girl's Choir 1-4; Cross Country 2; Track 2

Smolar, Kylie

Dance 1-4; Varsity Choir 1-3; HTC 1-4; StuCo 3-4; Spanish HS, NHS 3-4

Spudic, Nancy

Volleyball 1-2; NAHS 3-4; German Club 3; StuCo 4; German HS 3-4 Sylvester, Madison

HTC 14; Varsity Choir 34; Madrigal Choir 4; Key Club 1; NHS 34; Spanish HS 34; Volleyball 1; Advanced Girl's Choir

Syvertson, Zachary

Baseball 1-4; Basketball 1-4; German HS 3-4

Tedesco, Samantha

Softball 1-4; NHS 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4; Key Club 1-3; Spanish Club 3-4

Templeton, Tamara

Swimming 1-2, 4;

Tobin, Michael

Basketball 1

Trombetta, Tyler
Bowling 1-4

Vaca, Alexandra

StuCo 4; HTC 1-4; Varsity Choir 2-4; Advanced Girl's Choir 1; Academic Decathalon 4

Vasquez, Angel

Track 1-2; NAHS 3-4

Vaughn, Hunter

Swimming 2-4 Voight, Nicole

Choir 3-4

Wadkins, Luke

Wagoner, Austin

Varsity Choir 3-4

Walker, Richard

Swimming 2-4

Wilhite, Kyle

Swimming 1-4; NHS 3-4; Spanish HS 3-4; NAHS 3-4

Wilson, Imani

Yearbook 3-4; Spanish Club 4; Key Club 4

Wright, Melanie
Swimming 2

Young, Max Soccer 1-4

Younker, Kinsey Spanish HS 3-4

Zaharis, Alec

Japanese Club 2-4; Japanese HS 3-4; NHS 3-4; NAHS 3-4; Key Club 4

I = FRESHMEN YEAR

2 = SOPHOMORE YEAR

3 = JUNIOR YEAR

4 = SENIOR YEAR

NHS = NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

HS = Honor Society

NAHS = NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

STUCO = STUDENT COUNCIL

### For the Record

7-6-1 Overall Record

Team W/L We/They 209/20 @Andrean L @KV 218/189 W 218/262 @Lowell 246/174 @Valpo @Hobart W 246/264 218/213 @Hanover L @Griffith W 218/266 Hobart W 191/219 @Munster L 216/179 Boone Grove W 212/241 Chesterton L 199/169 W 205/245 @BNI @Merrillville W 205/248 @Hanover T 212/212

Head Coach: Mr. Richardson

\*The lower the score the better in golf.

The Varsity team at their last tournament of the year at the Sandy Pines Golf Course.

### DRIVING IT



#### PRACTICE HOW YOU PLAY

of the year.

Photo Credit: Jackie Smallis

Katie Harnisch (12) on hole 12 at the sectional course with her hybrid. She improved her shot greatly with the help of Coach Richardson. Her distance and accuracy improved with her steadfast dedication and practice throughout the season. Harnish was awarded Best Mental Attitude at the end

Brooke Rycerz (11) on hole 13 taking a practice swing to evaluate the contour of the tricky green. Rycerz came back for another year of golf and got better throughout the season. With her improvements on her shooting accuracy, she was able to improve her chipping shots from the practice chipping greens at the home course.

# TO THE GREEN GIRLS GOLF

Throughout the season, the Girl's Golf Team, including all of its new members continued to show improvement every single match. Showing what they were made of, the girls came home as the Hobart Invitational Scramble champions with a score of 35. The team improved tremendously to show a better team score in each match. After late night matches the girls were still ready for another round of 9 holes at their next practice. Even with little time to prepare due to weather caused cancellations, they still showed great scores the first tournament, Emily Smith (11) received Second Team All Conference with a score of 93 at Sandy Pines Golf Course. Jackie Smailis (12) finished with a 105 and received Honorable Mention at the Conference Course. Overall, it was a great season. Coach Richardson expressed pride in the talent he continued to see throughout the year.

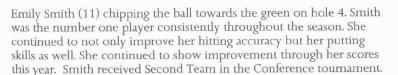


My biggest accomplishment was... breaking the 50 streak and getting a 48.

My favorite memory this year was... practice with my teammates joking around and doing a sport that I love. What kept me going when I failed

practicing the next day.
My pregame ritual was...
taking three practice swings and a
deep breath before every shot.
This sport made me a better person
because...

golf is a hard game but it teaches you patience as well as self control.







Kylie Richardson (9) at the tee for a par 3 shot focused on her shot over the water. Richardson was a part of the Varsity team and continued to improve throughout the season. Practicing everyday at the home course of Wicker, her shots continued to get better with the help of her teammates and coach. Richardsom had powerful matches throughout the season showing her improvement to become the fourth varsity player on the team.

### For the Record

6-5 Overall Record

@ Lake Station 67-7 W
vs. Hammond 26-18 W
vs. Munster 20-34 L

@ Clark 41-6 W vs. Lowell 14-45 L

@ Andrean 0-54 L

@Griffith 34-20 W vs. Kankakee Valley 34-18 W

@ Hobart 14-20 L

@ Clark (Sec.) 47-16 Wvs. Morton (Sec.) 21-28 L

JV Record: 5-4
Freshmen Record: 5-3

Head Coach: Trent Grider
Assistant Coaches: Tom Brankin,
Tom Crowel, Bill Crowley, Mark
Reid, Charles Podgorny, Adam
Musileck and Billy Smith
Freshmen Head Coach: Craig
Roggenbuck
Assistant Coaches: Dave Bedka,
Matt Bugjaski

Captains, Eric Rentschler (12), Matt Foundus (12), Sean McQuillan (12),and Hunter Hudnall (12) head out for the coin toss. These four seniors were leaders on and off of the field.



Griffin Grider (11) races back to the sidelines after the Offense scored a touchdown against Kankakee Valley on our home field.

#### IT ALL STARTED IN THE OFF SEASON



Celebrating the coin toss, the Trojans get pumped to play a humbling game.

Charlie Gertsner (11) stepped up to fill an injury slot, and left his all on the field.

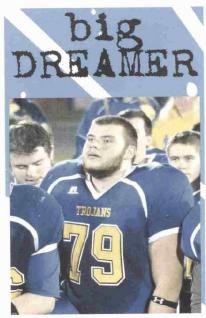


provided by Mr. Rentschler



# Play 13 We have built the program

"Our strength was built in the weight room. This is the strongest team we have had in a couple of years thanks to the time we put in the weight room," says Senior Captain, Hunter Hudnall. Head Coach, Trent Grider gave the team the goal to Play 13 early on, and that "gave us a hope of what to work for," said Senior Captain, Sean McQuillian. He continued with, "We knew playing 13 would surpass what the original standards of Highland Football were." "Even though we didn't get to 13, we still accomplished a lot this year," said Hudnall. Many accomplishments came out of this season including most points scored in a game ever, with a 67-7 win opening the season against Lake Station. The Trojans also made their mark with the second most points scored in a season for Trojan Football. Both Coaches and team members agree that the program has been built up, now it is time to move up. "There were several juniors that played a big role in our 6-5 season. They made a big impact in our big games. Charlie Gerstner, Jason O'Donnell, Caden Hillegonds and Julius Davilla must keep our momentum going. The bar has been brought up by the efforts in and out of season of the 2014 Trojan Football team. The tradition of what we've done needs to continue and expand," Senior Captain, Eric Rentschler stated. The memories made will never leave us, and the legacy of Highland Football will forever live with this group of seniors.



#### HUNTER HUDNALL

My biggest accomplishment was... reaching a goal of getting awarded a Captain position.

My favorite memory this year was... sliding in the mud on the practice field with the entire team.

What kept me going when I failed was...

the thought of my teammates efforts and how I didn't want to let them down.

My pregame ritual was...

sitting in Pat's office listening to Randy Rhoten's jokes. This sport made me a better person

because...
of bonds and friendships made.





Quarterback, Hunter Rycerz (11) gets set to throw a pass up field to an open receiver thanks to the strength of his offensive lineman.

# For the Record Girls

Andrean Invite 3rd
Crown Point Invite 5th
Hobart L
Andrean L
Rich Dust Invite 7th
Griffith W
Munster L
New Prairie Invite 20th
Kankakee Valley L
Lowell L
Highland Invite 5th
Hobart Invite 2nd
Conference 6th
Sectionals 3rd
Regionals 8th

Head Coach: Mrs. E. Belli

# For the Record Boys

Hobart W
Andrean W
Griffith W
Munster L
Lowell W
Kankakee Valley L
CP Invite 5th
Gavit Invite 2nd
Harrison Invite 20th
Lowell Invite 7th
Highland Invite 2nd
Conference 2nd
Sectionals 3rd
Regionals 4th
Semi-State 17th

Head Coach: Mr. R. Lukowski



Top 7 girls line up at the starting line for the Highland Invite to get ready for run outs before the starting gun sounds.

Adrian Chavez (12), Michael Kristy (11) and Tristan Comer (10) pace themselves around the home course for the

## Together We Run!

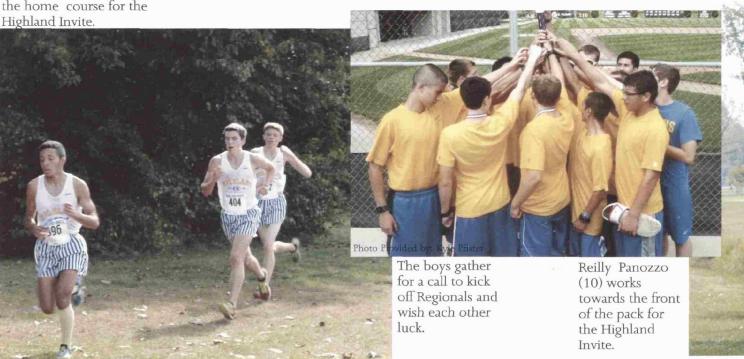


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# Bring the X

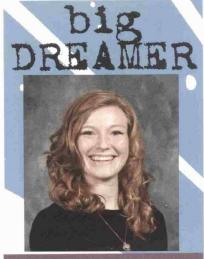
### RUN THE DISTANCE

Being part of the Cross Country team is hard work. Two to three hours a day throughout summer conditioning to build up miles in the heat and humidity can be difficult, but with mental toughness both the girls and boys were able to overcome this task. Covering various areas of town through different practice routes helped build the cardiovascular endurance of both teams. The season was able to turn into a success thanks to all of the hard work and miles put in. The team started in June and the last meet was November 1st when the boys completed their final run at semi-state. Mrs. Belli, Girls Cross Country Coach, says coaching, "is fun. I ran Cross Country in highschool and college so it is pretty natural for me to be around cross country in the fall, and it's nice to get to know some students better than you would in class." "Highland is on track to be one of the best teams in the conference," says Mike Kristy (11). "I learned that if the team sticks together we are a much stronger team." says Morgan Vaclavik (11). The team captains and the coaches seem to agree that the team improved and will keep improving through time. As for this year they gave their all from the starting line to the finish line.





The Boys Team qualified for Semi-State as a team this year and placed 17th out of the state.

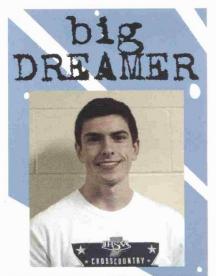


### Morgan Vaclavik

My biggest accomplishment was...
actually making the varsity roster,
and not just an alternate.
My favorite memory this year was...
going to Dunes camp and the racoons
eating our food in the cabin.
What kept me going when I failed

not wanting to let my team down.
My pregame ritual was...
doing run outs with the team,
circling up and yelling Trolans.
This sport made me a better person
because...

I used to be shy, but xc helped me become more talkative and outgoing.



### MICHAEL KRISTY

My biggest accomplishment was...
making it to semi state.
My favorite memory this year was...
running conference in 30 degree

What kept me going when I failed was...

weather with snow.

the motivation of my teammates.
My pregame ritual was...
pasta parties with the entire team.
This sport made me a better person because...

it taught me perseverance and how to be a leader.

7-3-6 Overall Record vs. Griffith 2 W vs. LC @Andrean W vs. Lowell @C.P T vs Valpo @K.V @Chesterton 0 vs. Wheeler 2 W vs. Hanover 3 W @Mich. City 0 T vs. Munster 0 @Portage vs. Clark @Hobart

Sectional

@LC 0 1 L

Head Coach: Pere Dorsuleski Assistant Coach: Mark Tanis

## FAREWELL CLASS OF 2015



This year we depart from a great group of guys who have played the sport their entire lives. Pictured with their parents are seniors Maxwell Mastey, Nick Keil, Jordan O'day, Josh Bertossi, Max Young, Marco Guerrero, and Ryan Serna. Best of luck in the future to every single one of you!

Darnell Harwood (10) is described by his teammates as the "Silent Assassin", because of his style of play which epitomizes the proverb, "actions speak louder than words".



While on defense, Max Mastey (12) prepares to send the ball down the field out of his own half. Moving the ball into the opponents half for an opportunity to score.

# The Worlds Game

### LIVE LIFE WITH GOALS

The ability to adapt played a key factor for the Boy's Varsity Soccer team and helped them succeed early in their season. The season started off undefeated in the first 6 games. However, their highway to success was roadblocked when a series of injuries affected multiple key players. "We started the season off great but we had a hard time staying healthy," says Maxwell Mastey (12). Nevertheless the team set their eyes on sectionals. Although they beat Lake Central in the regular season 1-0, they fell short at sectionals. The dreams were stopped by a heart wrenching game against Lake Cental in a 1-0 loss. With the guidance from their Head Coach Pere Dorsuleski and Assistant Coach Mark Tanis the varsity boys soccer team finished 7-3-6.



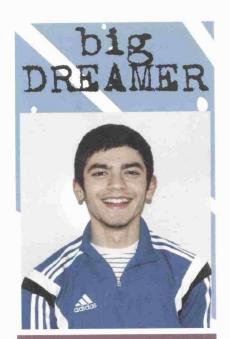


All the seniors gather together for the last time on the field and let go of their balloons on senior night. "Even though we didn't win we still managed to have a blast while playing on our home field for the last time," Maxwell Mastey (12) acknowledged.

Max Young (12) chases down a Lowell Red Devil player.

Dribbling quickly down the pitch, Ryan Serna utilizes his flashy moves to get past a Valparaiso defender. They ended up tying Valparaiso, the favorites to win, in the end 0 to 0.





### ERIC DAVALOS

My biggest accomplishment was... winning the NCC conference title in the 2013 season.

My favorite memory this year was... the bus ride to Kankakee Valley. What kept me going when I failed was...

the opportunity to have great teammates who provide support all the way through.

My pregame ritual was... playing soccer-tennis with Brandon Burbridge.

This sport made me a better person because...

it showed me never to turn your back on the people who have stood by your side the whole time.



Next to the line, Nick Keil (12) keeps possession of the ball and looks for an open teammate. As he runs down the sideline he makes sure he has a man open for a threw ball to get a chance to score. At the end Keil finished the year off with 7 assists.

Overall Record 6-1-8

Crown Point L 1-2
Laf Jefferson L 0-2
Merrilliville Tie 1-1
Andrean W 2-1
Lake Central L 0-4
Lowell W 4-3
Michigan City W 7-1
Griffith W 3-0
Chesterton L 1-3
Munster L 1-2
Wheeler L 0-1
KV L 0-1
Hobart W 4-0
Portage W 1-0
Munster (sect) L 0-2

Head Coach:

Gordon Walker

Emma Labounty (11) and Kelsey Dyer (12), two of the three captains from this season were both defensive players and worked very well together. Having two victories right before Sectionals pumped up the team's moral.



Madison Revercomb (10) chesting the ball downward to pass to Sierra Hinkel (10) for a goal. Revercomb suffered from a head injury mid-season, but came back to show her center mid ability. Improving from last season, Revercomb came into Sophomore year as a full time varsity player.



### GO AFTER YOUR GOALS



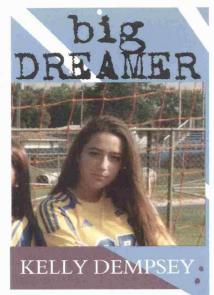
Morgan Pickens (11) stealing the ball from a Hobart Brickie and dribbling down the sideline toward the goal. Defender Emma Labounty (12) and goalie Allison Brown (10) are ready to defend the ball from a Brickie player.



# ANY TEAM

## ANY GIVEN DAY!

Starting early in the summer, the girls Soccer team practiced hard everyday until the season began. Throughout the season the team became a united front. Every practice and play was worked at until it was perfect. Although the record did not show the potential of the team the players felt as a whole that they improved each and every game. The Lady Trojans were nervous yet excited when they found out they drew Munster to play against at Sectionals. The team used each game as a preparation for the major game verse this rival. The girls dominated each game despite an inability to come out on top. "Each win was a motivating factor towards the next and each loss was a good learning experience to improve for the next," Chloe Gierymski (12) said. Struggling with a multitude of injuries the team had to adapt to their formation quickly in time for sectionals. Despite feeling ready for this game, their season came to a tragic end when Munster defeated them 0-2. The girls pushed themselves beyond their limits to show their dedication through the season. Walking away from this game gave the team time to reflect what they want to accomplish in years to come. Although the seniors were sad to leave, they are confident and proud of what this team has achieved. Coach Gordon was extremely proud to call this team his.



My biggest accomplishment was... being able to be captain of the team. My bittersweet moment was scoring at my last home game of my high school career at senior night.

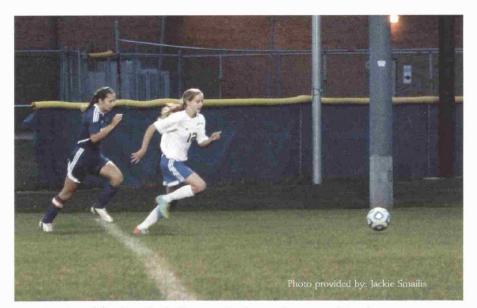
My favorite memory this year was...
that I became very close with all of my
teammates, I got to finish my soccer
career with some of the teammates I
played with since I was little.
What kept me going when I failed was...
my parents support helped me
tramendously. Kelsey Dyer and Chloe
Gierymski were a huge part of helping
me throughout the season.
My pregame ritual was...
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before every game the whole team gathered in a circle on the sidelines talking about the game and what we needed to accomplish. Before running out onto the field I have to hit the goal post for goodluck.

This sport made me a better person because.

I have learned a lot about leadership, working together as a team and helping my teammates out by serving as a team captain. I love helping my team in any way I can so we can get better.





Jen Sheehan (9) takes the ball towards the goal as a Brickie player comes up quickly behind her. As a freshman Sheehan joined the varsity team and became a star player.

9-8 Overall Record 5-1 NCC Record

vs. Lake Central 2-3 L vs. Andrean 3-2 W @ Griffith 3-2 W@ Crown Point 1-4 L vs. Munster 0-5 L

@ Hobart 5-0 W @ Lowell 3-2 W

vs. Kankakee Valley 5-0 W vs. Michigan City 4-1 W vs. Merrillville tourney

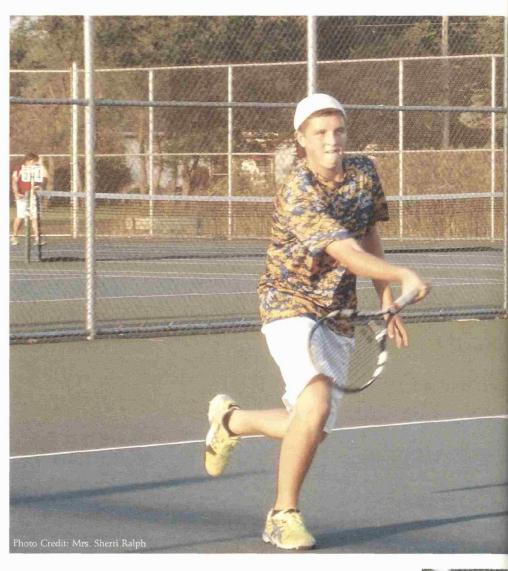
1st rd 4-1 W vs. Merrillville tourney 2nd rd 3-2 W

vs. Merrillville tourney 3rd rd 1-2 L

@ Calumet 5-0 W

@ Morton 2-3 L

@ Harrison Park 5-0 W Sect vs Griffith 2-3 L JV Record: 8-5 Head Coach: Adam Baez Number 1 Singles player, Brett Sabo (12) dives for the ball to return to the #1 from Lake Central. Sabo finished with a 10-8 record at the #1 singles spot.



Anthony Kowalkowski (11) prepares to receive a serve for the Trojans. Playing in either #2 or #1 Singles spot, Kowalkowski went 9-9 for the regular season.



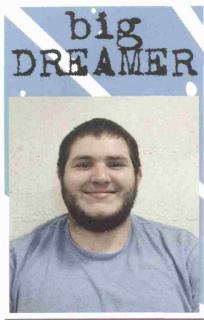
Chris Peters (9) and Alex Lopez (9) watch and cheer on their teammates, while taking a break. Matt Cotner (9) prepares to return a serve from his opponent during a match. Cotner breezed right through his opponent to get the win.





# Kings OF THE COURT

The 2014-15 season year was one that would go down in the history books of the Highland High School tennis program. The number one doubles team of seniors, Anthony Juranovich and Jack Gluth, proved themselves by having a near perfect season. Juranovich and Gluth were not the only members of the team to have success. A junior and singles player Anthony Kowalkowski, in his third year playing varsity, kept his individual record above 500. Even Matthew Cotner (9) finished the regular season at #3 Singles with a 10-6 record. As a whole, the team stepped up to every obstacle that they encountered. Some were hard losses but after every match the team analyzed each hit. Since this year was Coach Baez's last, the team wanted to work hard to bring success for his final season. During the Merrillville Tournament the boys received second place and that was a big confidence booster for the team as a whole. The team finished 5-1 in the NCC conference with it's only conference loss to the Munster Mustangs. During sectionals, the group took a tough loss to Griffith 2-3 to end their season. This group set their sites high, and went for their dreams.



### Anthony Juranovich

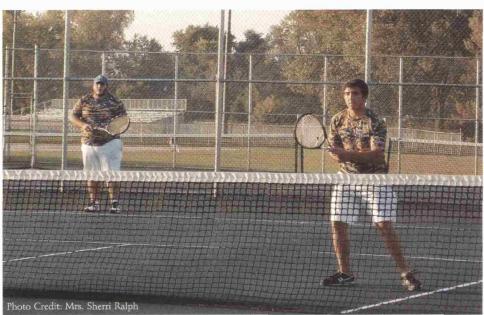
My biggest accomplishment was.. Making it far in Sectionals with my partner Jack Gluth.

My favorite memory this year was...
All the fun bus rides laughing and
singing all the way to the court
What kept me going when I failed was..
My temmates as well as the love for
the game.

My pregame ritual was... Listening to some musts and messing around with teammates This sport made me a better person

My dad was the one that got me started and it was awesome to see him at every match for me. I also gained a lot of friendships.





Seniors Anthony Juranovich and Jack Gluth finished the regular season with a record of 10-8. Juranovich and Gluth played together as a dynamic force on the court.

Overall Record:8-16 NCC Record:3-5 Hammond 3-0 W Portage 0-3 L Hammond Gavit 3-0 W Washington 0-2 L Goshen 2-0 W East Chicago 2-0 W New Praire 0-2 L Lake Central 0-3 L Michigan City 0-3 L Hobart 3-0 W Southwood 0-2 L Muncie Burris 0-2 L New Prairie 0-2 L Plymouth 0-2 L Whiting 3-1 W Lowell 2-3 L Bishop Noll 0-3 L Kankakee Valley 1-3 L Griffith 3-1 W Munster 0-3 L Andrean 0-3 L Hobart 3-1 W Hanover Central 0-3 L Wawasee 0-2 L

Danielle Fowler (10) takes an approach to kill the ball. As she took on the responsibility of being the captain of her team. Danielle showed a lot improvement and showed to her teammates that she could step up.



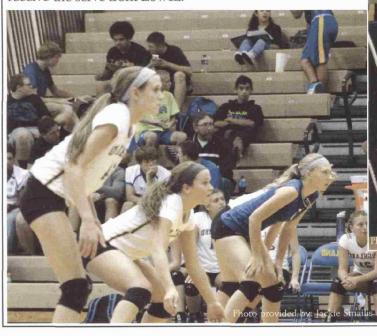
Taylor Ryckman (11), Danielle Fowler (10) and Hannah Ryzewski (12) get ready to receive the serve from Lowell.

Head Coach: Mr. Matt Clark

JV Coach: Miss Megan Egert

Freshmen Coach: Miss Sarah Funston

# Leave everything on the court



Emily Reyes (12) sets the ball over to the outside hitter. Reyes returned as a senior and Varsity Captain to show her teammates how dedication to a sport can pay off.

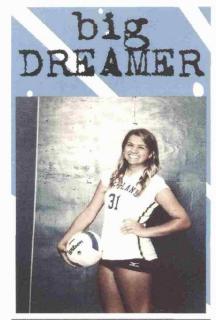
Hannah Ryzewski (12) tosses the ball up in hopes for an Ace!

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### CRUSH!!!

The volleyball team started out smaller than past years, but that didn't stop them from achieving their goals for the season. Never stopping, the girls volleyball team continued to practice hard every day. At 7 am every summer morning the girls practiced and conditioned to the best of their ability. Highland's rival, the Munster Mustangs, were taken back by the attitudes as well as the perseverance from the game. Hannah Ryzewski said, "At the Laporte tournament, every play that we made brought us one step closer to our victory." This tournament brought the team so much closer as well as more confident in each other. Even though the record did not show this team's true potential, it formed friendships that will last forever. From every practice to every match, the girls continued to show improvement throughout the year. It was sad to see the seniors season come to an end, but it was a fun experience throughout the year. Working together and getting closer helped them better assist plays and work together to continue winning games.



### Danielle Sorrell

My biggest accomplishment was... that we stepped it up this year as a team and worked hard.

My favorite memory this year was... winning Best Mental Attitude. What kept me going when I failed

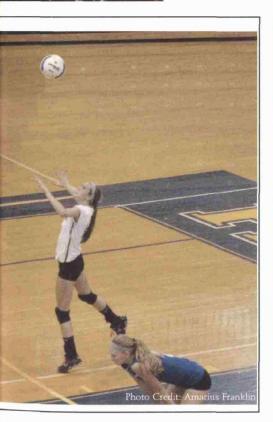
my teams support and always pushing me to do better.

My pregame ritual was... singing hail mary was a ritual for

myself.
This sport made me a better person

This sport made me a better person because...

it taught me discipline and compassion for the game. I also feel like i have gained a lot of self confidence and to be a leader.





Coach Clark gathers with his Varsity team for a pregame talk prior to taking the floor in a home match. This match was going to be a close one but the girls pulled out a win showing how hungry they were for a conference victory. Beating the Griffith Panthers in four games.

Along with many other clubs, the Japanese club walks in the Homecoming Parade.

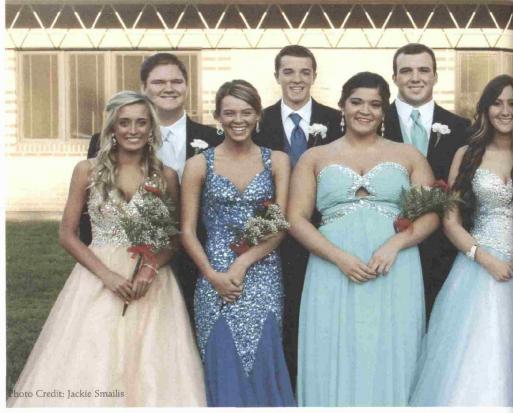
Olivia Casiano (9) and Nicole Strode (9) prepare for the voting session.





# Homecoming Court 2015

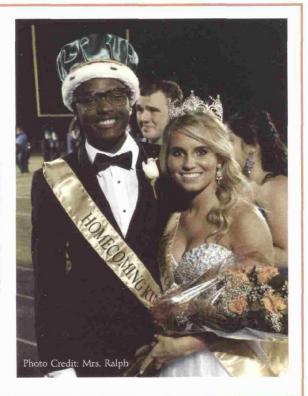
Dean Lebeter, Maxwell Mastey, Matthew Foundos, Jonathan Payne, Clayton Keltner, Amarius Franklin Kelsie Hirchak, Megan O'Donnell, Megan Alvarado, Andrea Scardine, Taylor Ecsy, Haylie Baker



2014
Homecoming King,
Amarius Franklin
and
Homecoming Queen,
Haylie Baker.

"I was shocked, it was an awesome feeling. When they announced the king, I was waiting for him to step up. But I realized it was my name they called. It was reassuring, especially having Haylie by my side," Franklin said.

"It was a pleasant surprise, I didn't think I was going to win. In general it was a really cool experience and I loved everyone on court, especially King Franky," Baker said.



Bradley Trichak (12) leads the team in warmups before the Homecoming game against the Lowell Red Devils.





HOMECOMING
WEEK THIS
YEAR WAS AN
ULTIMATE
SUCCESS
THANKS TO
STUDENT
COUNCIL, AND
MOST OF ALL
OUR AWESOME
STUDENT BODY
WHO
PARTICIPATED
IN THIS WEEKS
EVENTS.





Ready for a hoedown throwdown, the students of Highland High School arrive early for the pre-game festivities against the Lowell Red Devils.

Highland High School Girls Cheer Team pump up the crowd while walking in the annual Homecoming Parade.

# Spirit Week Days



Rebecca Benninghoff (11) goes back to the 70's.



Taylor Steele (10) and Sophie Whiting (10) say aloha to Homecoming.



Mrs. Dora and Mr. Grider warm up the math hallway with their sunshine.



Szymon Wozniak (12) poses for Ugly Sweater Day.



Jared Gutierrez (12) is lost in the 50's tonight.



Abbey Nielson (10) shows her blue & gold spirit before the pep rally.

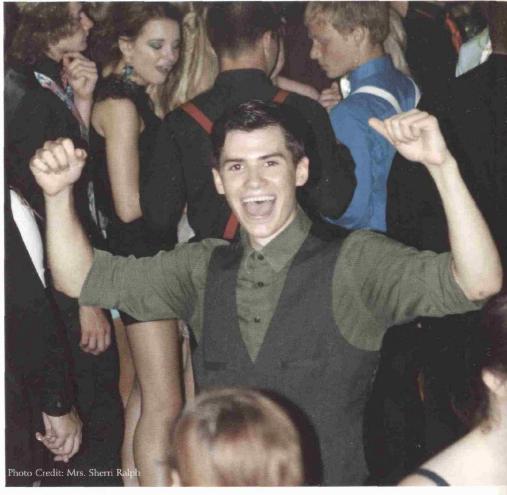
Spirit Week Photos Photo Credit: Mitchell Mastey

# Unmask the Night

Homecoming was a time to dance off the stress after a hard fought loss against the Lowell Red Devils. Previous homecoming dances were located in the high school cafeteria, but this year there was a big change. The event was moved to the "blue gym" due to the negativity of the cafeteria being so hot and crowded the prior year. Student Council made a wise decision to move the dance to a more cooler and spacious location. At the dance students were able to take hilarious pictures in the photo booth, or head to the dance floor and show off some awesome moves. Dancing was a blast with all your friends surrounding. Of course there had to be some mystery wondering who was who because of all the masks, since the theme was masquerade. Homecoming was full of excitement as we welcomed our already recognized homecoming king and queen to the dance floor. Once our king and queen danced, the attendees all joined them for the last couple songs of the night. Together we all danced until "Unmask The Night" was over.



Alec Zaharis (12) smiles while dancing surrounded by friends at his last homecoming dance.

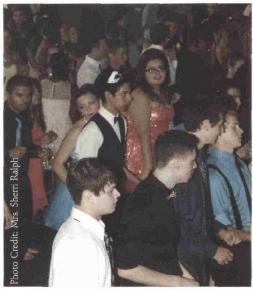


Kevin Colon (12) enjoys his first homecoming dance of his four years in high school. Attending his last homecoming dance was a memory that he will not forget. "My first and last Homecoming experience was amazing! It was full of great memories that the photobooth captured for everyone. The best and most shocking moment for me was seeing Mr. Miller wearing a suit!" Colon said.



Football players prepare for a night of fun after a tough loss against the Lowell Red Devils.

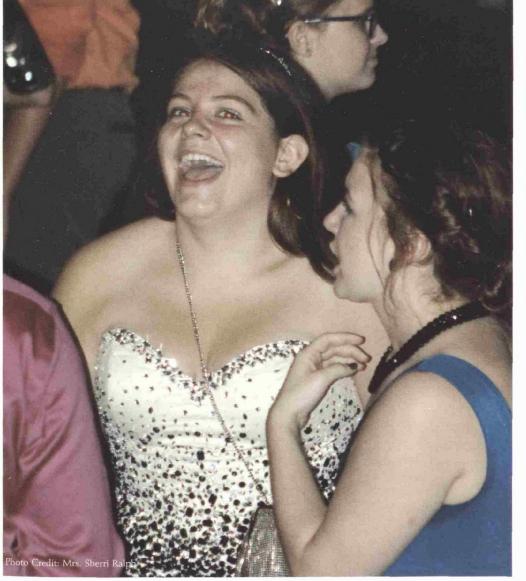
Students from all grades get together to dance the Cupid Shuffle. More than 600 students were in attendance.





Rachel Bremer (12), with friends Jack Gluth (12), and Hannah Johnson (12) raise their hands up to join together for one of their last dances as seniors to dance the night away together.

Mikayla Goetz (12) commented, "It's sad to say this Homecoming was my last, but the memories I made that night with my friends I will truly never forget. Dancing around and taking pictures in the photo booth helped me be able to remember this dance forever!"



# Minimally Speaking

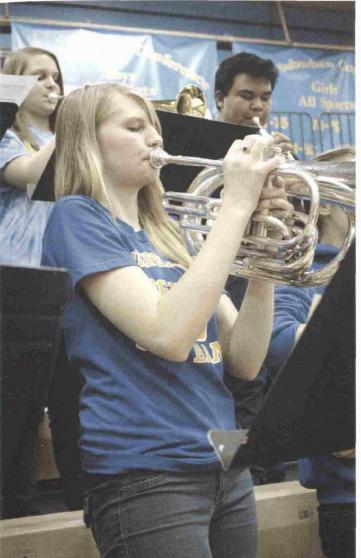
Caitlyn Liskey (11) marched with the tenor drums on Drumline, but was able to share her trombone playing during marching season as well.



This group of talented students began their practice during the hot summer months. Those that marched spent countless hours on the practice fields with their instruments and dot books. The season welcomed brand new marching uniforms for the Minimally Speaking season with Erin Buckley (12) serving as Drum Major. Saturday marching competitions filled the fall season, and there were many successful outcomes. Moving from the field to concert and Pep Band mode was a change of scenery, but was one that allowed different sounds to come out. During ISSMA competitions, many soloists scored in the gold medal range and were able to travel to state competitions. In the late spring, the Jazz Band performed for the ISSMA competition and scored a silver rating. The musical talent and growth was noted throughout the year.



Kenna Crowel (9), Leah Clark (11) and Erin Buckley (12) support the winter sports teams in the Pep Band Clarinet Section.



Allissia Armstrong (12) plays the euphonium with the Pep Band during one of the basketball games during the winter season.



# DREAMER

### STEPHANIE SPRAGUE

My biggest accomplishment was.. going to ISSMA State for tenor saxaphone.

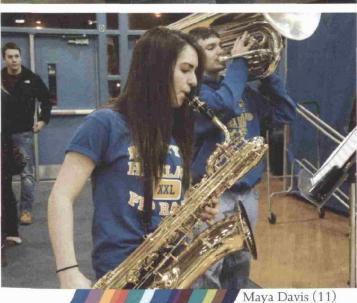
My favorite memory this year was... enjoying the bus rides home from our competitions.

what kept me going when I failed was...
my love for band.
My precompetition ritual was...
fist bumping the entire band, and my section pep talk.

This sport made me a better person because ...

it helped me with working with others, and made me become a better leader.

Katelyn Long (11) plays her flute during a half time routine of a football game when the new uniforms were unveiled.



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Saxaphone for Jazz Band and Pep

Baritone

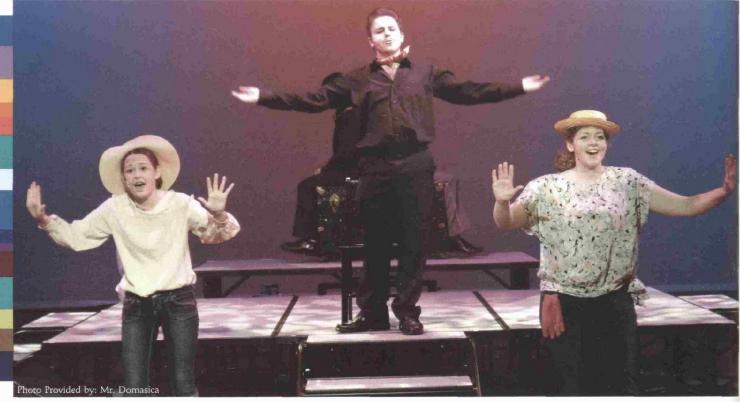
Band.



Drumline members, Ismael Aldana (9) and Allissia Armstrong (12) keep time during the Munster Fourth of July parade. This was one of three parades our band marched in.

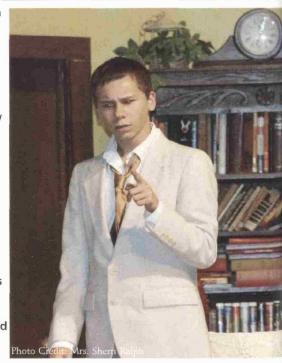
# A Stage Full of Talent

On September 26 and 27, 2014 HTC debuted their first-ever Novice Play, "Don't Mention My Name," written by Fred Carmichael. Shortly there after, HTC performed "The Fantastiks" written by Tom Jones, Music by Harvey Schmidt on November 7, 8 and 9, 2014.



The play was a hilarious whodunnit complication, with the lead role, played by Zach Fraley (10), being called "Man", only to lead to developing five other names, each given by a new arrival at a quaint bed and breakfast. "Man" is joined by his undercover counterpart Jane, played by Autumn Wilson (11). New guest after new guest, Sylvia Dutton, played by Victoria Shamel (10), Dexter Chandler, portrayed by Kyle Herron (10), Verla Perkins, aka Brittany Cruz (10), Kitty Carson, played by Emily Brill (12), Paul Miles, portrayed by Drew Stivers (12), and Wilma Chander, played by Haylee Backs (9) all contribute new facts to the hunt for the "package", described by an anonymous phone call, becomes more and more intense. At the end of the perplexing twists and turns, the villain and package are discovered—but the mysterious question... who was it?

The fall musical was a show about two young love birds—Luisa played by Anna Mosoriak (12) and Matt played by Javon Goshay (12). The story is narrated by a mysterious, suave man named El Gallo portrayed by Spencer Almeda (11). Twists and turns begin when Luisa and Matt's mothers (Emily Smith (11) and Maddy Sylvester (12)) trick their children into falling in love by pretending to feud. The mothers stage an abduction with two actors—Henry played by Dean Lebeter (12) and Mortimer played by Jared Gutierrez (12) to set up Matt as the hero who rescues Luisa to put an end to their mother's feud. After Luisa and Matt fall for each other, the sun arises and everything is not as it seemed. They separate and go their respective ways and learn some harsh realities about the world. In the end, Matt and Luisa reunite and realize that throughout everything, their love conquered all.





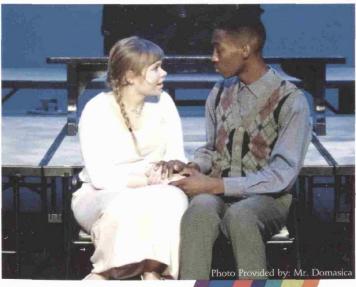


Autumn Wilson (11) looks to other cast members as they debate with each other over the hidden package.



Portraying Verla Perkins, Brittany Cruz (10) tries not to let her cover be blown in the Novice Production.

Drew Stivers (12) and Kyle Herron (10) look to other cast members as the twist and turns of the show play out.



Emily Smith (11), Spencer Almeda (11) and Madison Sylvester (12) sing and dance center stage. Zach Fraley (10)
weighs out options
so that he can try
to discover where
the hidden
package is.



Lead roles in the Fall's Fantasticks played by Anna Mosoriak (12) and Javan Goshay-Cox (12) find comfort center stage.

Emily Brill (12) enters the stage for the first time on stage as Kitty Carson.

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Kimberly Betustak Tyler Betustak Hope Binner Madison Blanchard Melaina Blanchard Michael Bodnar Zachary Bogucki















Hailey Bohlin Ayrion Bojara Brittany Brzek Jonathan Bugno Brandon Burbridge Jacob Buuck Kristoria Cannon















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Makenzie Cox Brittany Cross Breana Daigre Josue Darwish Olivia Dausch Eric Davalos Julius Davila















Maya Davis Amanda DeJesus Mervyn Dela Cruz Jacob Diaz Michael Domagalski Nicholas Donsbach Courtney Douglas

















Dania Houston Taylor Howard Natori Hull Carissa Hurtado James Ireton Mohammed Issa Troy Jank Shannan Jerome Savannah Jozwiak Katherine Kerber Hayley Kim Andrew Kinley Rebecca Klacik Emma Knipe Aaron Kondrat Anthony Kowalkowski Kayla Koza Lorraine Kremm Michael Kristy Emma LaBounty David LaCour Mia Lamontagna Catherine Larson MacKenzie Larson Christian Laviolette Katlyn Lazzaro Nia Leake Rachel Leep William Lengel Seth Leon Maulie Lewandowski Nicholas Lewandowski Keyanna Liptak Ćaitlin Liskey Taylor Lloyd Katelyn Long Jason Lopez Johnny Lozano Felix Luna Nicole Magiera Aaron Maldonado Aaron Martinez Julian Martinez Alex Massey Benjamin Massie Ally Mathias Megan McGehee Miranda Menzyk Eric Metzen















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### MIA ZACHERY

Today's generation is quick to judge people. It takes a person about 10 seconds based on your looks, how you act, what your story is, and what you think of them. A good example is a student named Mia Zachery. At first glance, Zachery appears to look like a normal girl. She is captain of the Track team, has friends, and does well academically. Her story however isn't as simple as one would think.

She is a foster child who has worked hard to live a successful life. She was abused by her biological father, whom she isn't in contact with anymore. People unfortunately don't always recover from terrible things like this, but Zachery believed she had the power to change her future. She works hard and now plans to become a Registered Nurse (RN) at Purdue or Indiana University. She hopes to make an impact on other peoples life, much like her foster family is for her. They love and care for her, sending her in the right direction in life and have helped her move on from the darker parts of her life.

"We don't share the same DNA, but in my heart I know that they are my family.... If none of this had happened I wouldn't be the person I am today," Zachery states. On the outside, she looks like a regular down-to-earth gal'. But in reality she has an incredible story, that is quite amazing. She truly shows that you can reach for your dreams no matter what happens to you as you travel on your journey.

Story by: Mia Zachery and David Haas

Jenna Orange Orlando Orozco Michael Ortiz Chase Osgood Madison Owens Kyle Palmer Tyler Pawlak













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5-19 Overall Record

1-6 NCC Record

Portage 61-75 L

vs. River Forest 63-48 W

Merrillville 35-85 L

Hammond 41-48 L

Boone Grove 43-62 L

vs. Wheeler 42-46 L

Griffith 17-55 L

vs. Clark 58-46 W

vs. Griffith 25-66 L

vs. South Bend Clay 62-70 L

vs. Whiting 55-56 L

vs. Lowell 44-68 L

Lake Central 30-67 L

vs. Munster 36-72 L

vs. Lake Station Edison 36-44 L

Andrean 35-65 L

Kankakee Valley 60-55 W

vs. Gavit 62-56 L

vs. Clark 75-71 W

Hobart 30-47 L

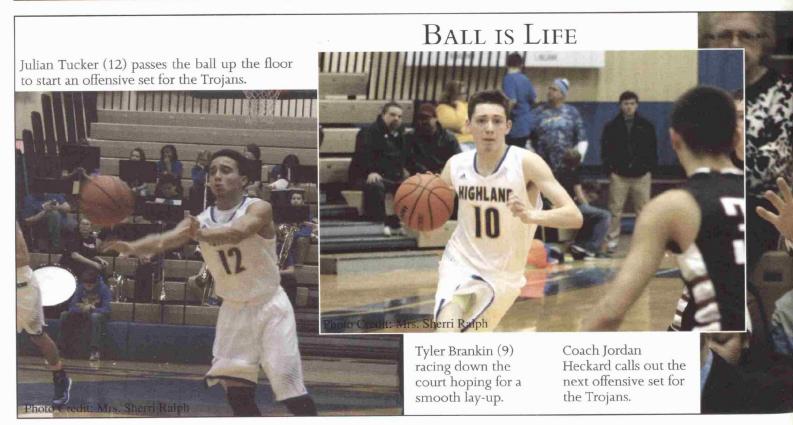
Calumet 28-37 L

vs. Lowell 60-73 L

JV Record: 12-10 Freshmen Record: 11-6

Head Coach: Jordan Heckard Assistant Coach: Tom Reynolds JV Coach: Tom Brankin Freshmen Coach: Anthony Belli Nathon Amon (12) stands in help side defense so that the ball handler does not attempt to get through the lane.



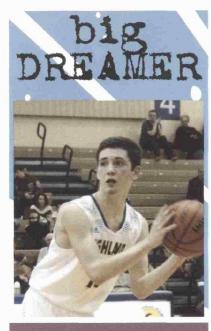




# Be Great

### NEVER STOP

With multiple players returning to the program under the wing of Coach Jordan Heckard, the team brought experience and a hungry mindset for the season to come. Whether it was a home or an away game, the team always had their trojan family to cheer them on even through an injury filled season. Although they ended their season with a 5-19 record the team was able to learn a lot from this season. The value of sharing playing time with players of all grades was a hard lesson to learn, but one that brought experience to two freshmen players at the Varsity level. Expanding player personnel playing time became a benefit as the season progressed. Towards the end of the season strengths began to shine through. Nathan Amon (12) was named Indiana Basketball Coaching Association Subway Player of the week in February. The seniors were able to leave their all on the court in their final loss in Sectionals at East Chicago Central against the Lowell Red Devils.



### Tyler Brankin

My biggest accomplishment was... When i scored 22 points against Clark.

My favorite memory this year was... When we beat KV and celebrated on the bus ride home.

What kept me going when I failed was...

My father because he always motivated me.

My pregame ritual was...
I prayed before every game.

This sport made me a better person because...
It taught me team work and

It taught me team work and leadership skills.





While wearing number 20, Branden Pullyblank (12) looks for an open cutter in the offense. In his last year at Highland, Pulleyblank really shined on the court.

# For the

# Record

10-15 Overall Record

vs. BNI 54-55 L vs. Boone Groove 74-32 W @ Hanover Central 48-52 L

@ Kankakee Valley 26-64 L @ Lake Central 31-75 L vs. Gavit 44-18 W

vs. Andrean 32-35 L @ Valparaiso 40=58 L

@ Crown Point 21-62 L vs. Lowell 58-51 W @ Calumet 51-25 W

@ Portage 40-52 L Holiday vs Northridge 31-51 L Holiday vs. East Noble 35-64 L Holiday vs. Andrean 48-40 W @ Hobart 30-47 L

vs. Clark 58-24 W

@ Morton 41-34 W vs. Griffith 44-41 W

@ Munster 51-60 L vs. Whiting 52-18 W vs. Hammond 59-18 W

@ Chesterton 29-52 L vs. East Chicago 35-63 L vs. West Side (Sec) 30-52 L

JV Record: 5-4 C-Team Record: 5-3

Head Coach: Tracie Mezera Assistant Coaches: Brittany Dowd, Joe Fraley JV Coach: Nicole Bergman C-Team Head Coach: Sherri Ralph C-Team Volunteer Coach: Niki Goodeve

Taylor Steele (10) makes an outstandi ng jump shot oat home against East Chicago. Steele was voted MVP of the team.







# Young but

Entering the season with only two players that had Varsity playing time last year, Coach Tracie Mezera knew it had to be a rebuilding year. However, the mindset was that even with young players filling big roles, the tradition of being a successful program never graduates. Values of hard work, dedication and teamwork rang true for this group. Led by vocal leader Ashley Meloy (12) this group set their sights high when it came to setting their team goals. With a 10-15 record, they fell short of their goals but did not fall short on making a season to remember. Taylor Steele (10) stepped into the forefront of each opponents scouting report and still ended the season leading every stat category for the Lady Trojans. With a sectional draw that set the opponent of Gary West Side in the first round and Lake Central waiting in the wing with a bye, the young team used physical and mental strength for their preparation. A loss to the Cougars brought the season to an abrupt end, but one with many memories to last a lifetime and hopes for a bright future.



### TAYLOR STEELE

My biggest accomplishment was . . being named Honorable Mention All State.

My favorite memory this year was . . . facing Andrean for a second time at the Holiday Tournament and beating them 48-40.

What kept me going when I failed Was . .

my teammates.

My pregame ritual was...

eating a pack of Skittles. This sport made me a better person because ...

it taught me teamwork and communication.



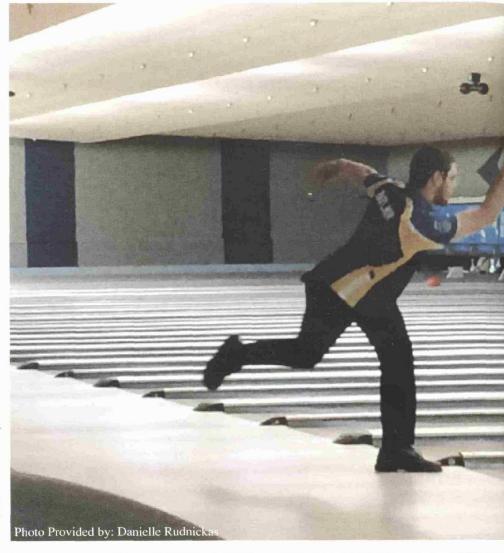


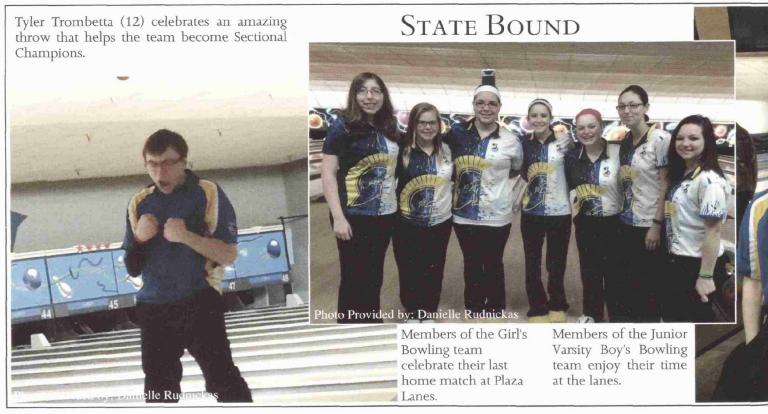
Coach Tracie Mezera motivates the Varsity team to continue fighting for a full four quarters of basketball.

Girls
Overall Record 8-4
Preseason Bowl-O-Rama
Winners
Runner Ups-Holiday
Classic
3rd Place in Conference
2nd Place in Sectionals
4th Place in Regionals
Semi-State Advancers

Boys
Overall Record 10-2
2nd Place in Conference
1st Place in Sectionals
1st Place in Regionals
2nd Place in Semi-State
3rd Place in State

Girls Head Coach: Lisa Dickerson Boys Head Coach: Janee Babbitt Adam
Batliner
(12)
works to
knock
pins down
to make
his way to
Sectionals,
Regionals,
Semi-State
and finally
State.



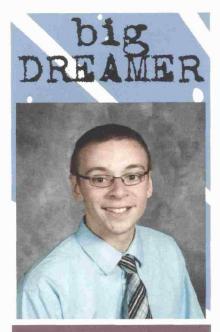




# Strikes

### AND SPARES

The bowling team was formed a few years ago due to a growing desire to compete in the sport. Although bowling is not recognized by the IHSAA as a sport at this time, they are a competing outside club built with Highland High School students that saw great success this season. The girls team started off the season as Pre-Season Bowl-O-Rama winners, so the entire team that great things were on the horizon. With a third place conference finish they were geared up for Sectionals and more. Lindsey Norton (11) and Caitlyn Bales (12) were named All-Conference and Danielle Rudnickas (12) qualified for Semi-State. On the boys side, a senior group of boys in Adam Batliner (12), Tyler Trombetta (12) and Jonathan Payne (12) that have bowled together since the age of seven were ready for a knock down season. Trombetta, Batliner and Tyler Urbanczyk (9) were named All-Conference. Batliner, Urbanczyk, Payne and Johnny Lozano (11) were Semi-State Qualifiers. The girls finished 8-4 in their Semi-State run while the boys finished 10-2 and third in the State.



### Tyler Trombetta

My biggest accomplishment was... going to state with the team and placing third.

My favorite memory this year was... getting to bowl with my best friends.

What kept me going when I failed was...

the desire to win kept me going and wanting to win a sectional title.
My pregame ritual was...
getting together with the team

This sport made me a better person because...

it taught me to be a better team player.

before matches.





The senior bowlers gather together for a picture to commemorate their senior season and the victories won, and the ones yet to come.

After a competition at Purdue University Lafayette, the girls pose with Purdue Pete in Mackey Arena.



The Varsity Cheerleaders cheer for the boys basketball team after preforming their competition routine at halftime. Captain Megan O'Donnell leads the lady Trojan cheerleaders in a battle cheer.



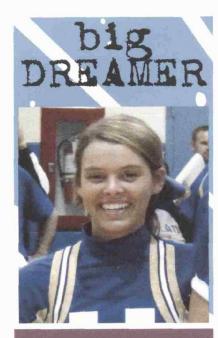




# Spirit

## GIRLS CHEERLEADING

As the football was carried into the end zone, noise from the sideline kicks in. Who is making the noise? Of course the cheerleaders. They work three times a week for 10 months to get everything just perfect. Along with football and basketball season they also do competitions. After long practices and busy competitions, the 3 senior captains finally took the whole cheer squad to Open-Nationals at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky Ohio. Even though cheerleading is a serious time commitment and sometimes stressful the team still manage to have some fun throughout the season. Senior night, 4th of July parade, and pep rallies are some of their best cheer moments. Working together was an issue for the team at first, and with many battles throughout the year, the team came finally together at the end. The seniors will remember their last season as both the head coach, Krystle Fuller, and the assitant coach, Alyssa Massie had baby girls. The team welcomed them, and was excited to have honorary members to support them at every event.



### Megan O'Donnell

My biggest accomplishment was...
trying out for Purdue University
and making the Cheer Team.
My favorite memory this year was...
our coaches having babies so that
we could play with them.
What kept me going when I failed
was...
motivation from my best friend,
Katie Snow (12).
My pregame ritual was...

My pregame ritual was... always eating Goldfish, and listening to Hannah Montana. This sport made me a better person because...

I worked well with other people, and got experience as a leader.

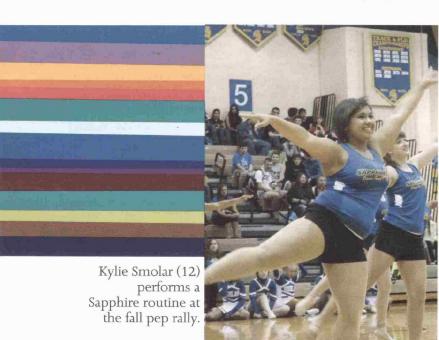




All the varsity cheerleaders stand up and hold hands hoping that a member of our basketball team will sink the free throw. This is a tradition that the girls do to wish the Highland player good luck.

# Life's Dance

Sapphires Dance team was formed with a new coach in Mrs. T. Crema for this season of dance. From parades, football games, basketball games and competitions, the girls faced a long and strenuous year. These ladies put their heart into every move and left it all on the dance floor. No matter how hard the battle seemed they always came out fearless. These ladies competed in 5 competitions, regionals and state. They flawlessly earned a spot in the top 10 in the region. To some of these ladies dance was the only way they could express themselves. Being a Sapphire was not only being a dancer but it was being a part of a family and a legacy.



Allison
Stephen(11) walks Photo Credit: Jacki
in the
Homecoming
Parade with her
masquerade mask
on.

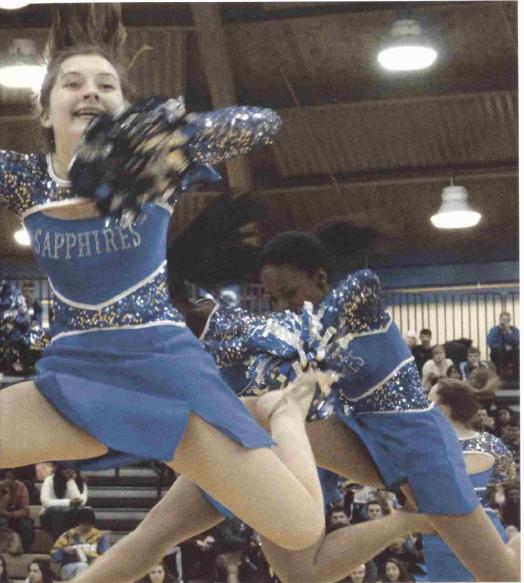


Credit: Mitchell Mastey





In the spirit of the Homecoming festivities, the Sapphires gather in their masquerade masks for the parade.





Jocelyn Nikkel (11) dances a competition routine at a pep rally.

Cameron Terry (10) was voted Most Valuable Dancer for the season thanks to her dedication to the team.

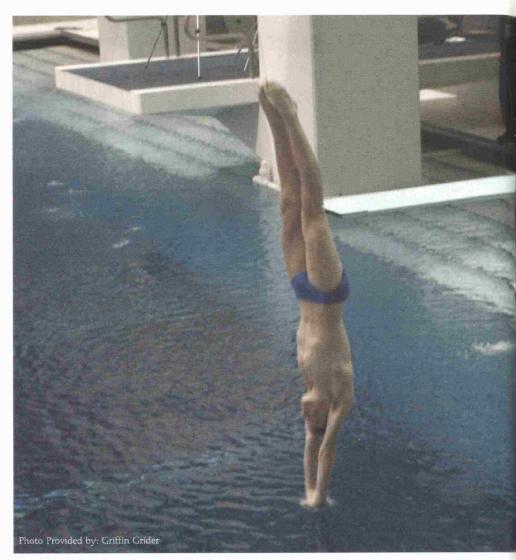
Overall Record: 7-5 NCC Record: 4-1 Kankakee Valley W 115-75 Munster Relays 3rd Lowell W 115-75 Merillville W 118-67 Portage L 32-94 Crown Point L 65-120 Hobart W129-56 Griffith W 126-45 Lake Central L 44-131 Highland Invite 4th Laporte cancelled Munster L 54-107 Michigan City W 94-92 Morton W 102-58 Conference 2nd Chesterton L 143-33 Boys Sectionals 4th

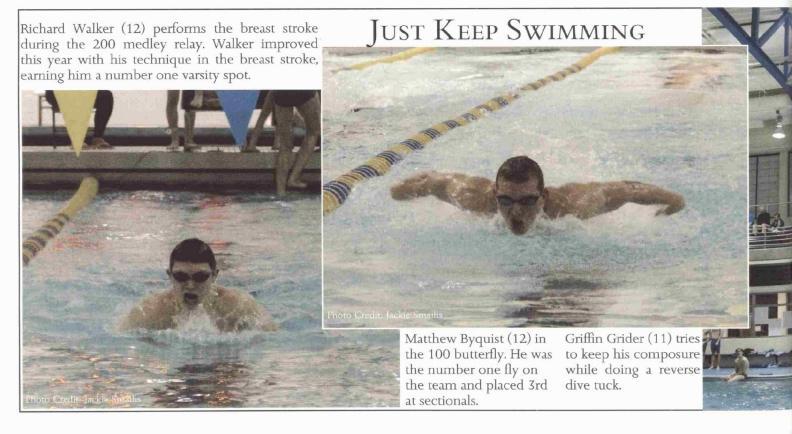
Mitch Mastey 8th Place in State 1 meter diving.

Christopher Dabrowski 21st Place in State 500 meter freestyle.

Head Coach: Mr. R. Harrington Assistant Coach: Mr. N. Castillo Diving Coach: Miss C. Fleming

Mitchell Mastey (12) performs an inward two and a half somersault during the state meet.



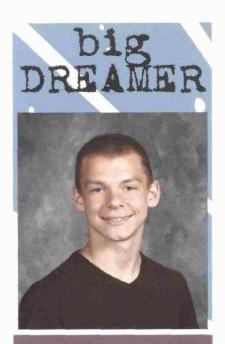




# Greatness

### IN THE POOL

With a wide range of talent from both swimming and diving, the Boy's Highland High School Swimming and Diving team came out with a bang. Starting the season out with three wins and receiving 3rd place at the Munster Relays gave the team momentum for the remainder of the season. This momentum helped bring along many rookie team members and confirmed the mindset of a winning season for the boys team. The returning athletes were able to push not only themselves but the new athletes even more. With multiple swimmers and divers filling up the roster, this gave both Coach Harrington and Coach Castillo more spots to travel to gain more points for wins. During the season, the team had some losses which gave them more motivation to train harder for the rest of the season. At Conference the boys placed second, with huge wins from Christopher Dabrowski (12) and Mitchell Mastey (12) which was a big confidence booster for the rest of the team. At Sectionals the boys placed fourth with the help of Dabrowksi and Mitchell Mastey becoming Sectional Champs. Other great performances were Matthew Byquist (12) who received 3rd in the 100 meter fly and Maxwell Mastey (12) getting 5th place and Griffin Grider (11) getting 7th for diving. Advancing to State were Mitchell Mastey and Dabrowski. Dabrowski swam the 500 meter free and took 21st place. Mitchell Mastey took his place on the podium in 8th place for the 1 meter dive.



### SCOTT STANGE

My biggest accomplishment was... getting 5th in the 100 free at conference.

My favorite memory this year was... bleaching our hair.

What kept me going when I failed was...

coach yelling at me.

My pregame ritual was...

listening to music to pump me up. This sport made me a better person because...

I for once put in a lot of work towards something.

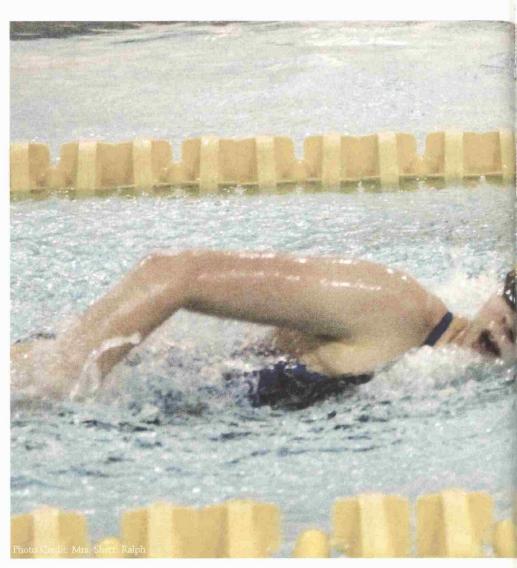




Cristian Zendejas (10) in lane 2 and Christopher Dabrowski (12) in lane 4 get their minds set ready for their race. As they wait for the official to give them the warning, they stay focused and determined for what they are about to do. Both are mentally preparing for the 500 yard freestyle race. Facing this tough competitor, Valparaiso brings the Highland boys the mental toughness that they need.

Chesterton L 126-23 Griffith W 135-22 Valpo L 125-43 KV W 102-84 Lake Central L 123-37 Laporte Relays 4th **Lowell W 96-73** Merrillville W 127-56 Portage L 103-83 Crown Point L 132-58 Hobart W 93-89 Laporte Cancelled Highland Invite 6th Conference 2nd Michigan City L 95-91 Morton W 135-40 Sectionals 4th

Head Coach: Ryan Harrington Assistant Coach: Nick Castillo Diving Coach: Cheryl Fleming Grace Meidema (10)finishes her 200 IM strong with the last 50 being freestyle. Meidema worked hard all year to attain one of the top IM spots.



Sarah Wagner (9) stands on her toes in order for more control in her back approach. Wagner improved tremendously on each of her dives.



#### Harrington's last year



Hanna Graves (11) finished strong in her 100 breast. Graves assisted the team wherever she was needed. Jackie Smailis (12) swims strong enough to break many records and make it to state in her final year.



#### The...

#### Bakers Dozen

With only 13 girls on this years Highland High School Girls Swimming team and only 2 girls on the diving team, the girls took on an interesting year ahead of them. It was a very unusual year because being a small team, everyone had to be flexible with their events every meet. The girls were at the sidelines for every event and dive for each of the girls. "Working hard and having fun always brings success," Coach Harrington said. Almost every meet needed new swimmers to compete, so the coaches had to choose a few girls to step up to the plate. Hanna Graves (11) and Grace Midema (10) were a huge help when Coaches Harrington and Castillo needed it. Diver, Emma Labounty (11), swam relays when the team needed it as well. These three helped the team tremendously. Over what the swim team calls Paradise during Christmas break, the team took a trip down to the IUPUI swimming pool to train for a day. This gave the team the opportunity to train in a great facility as well as gain experience to swim in the state pool. The girls team had a great year finishing second at Conference and finishing fourth at Sectionals. Jackie Smailis finished 1st in the 50 yard freestyle, and was runner up for the 100 yard backstroke. She finished top 16 in both events. This team was one of the top teams in the previous seasons of Highland High school Girls Swimming.



#### Morgan Rose

My biggest accomplishment was... receiving 2nd place in my 500 and 200 yard freestyle at Conference. My favorite memory this year was... going down to State to watch my teammate Jackie Smallis as well as seeing everyone compete at that level.

What kept me going when I failed was...

always remembering there is always next year.

My pregame ritual was... visualizing each race.

This sport made me a better person because...

it taught me confidence and leadership skills.



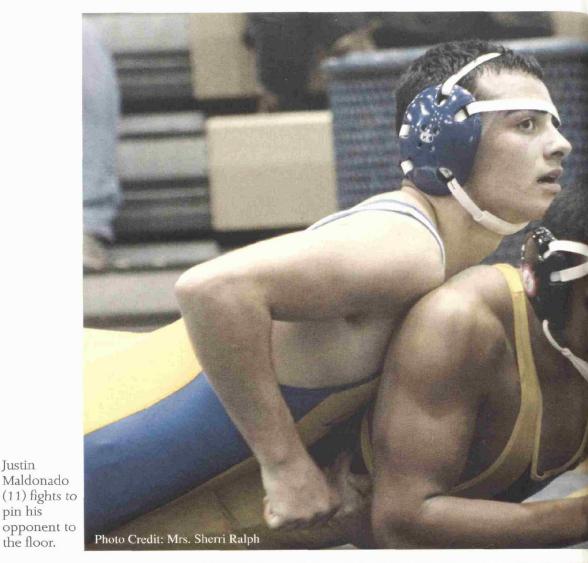


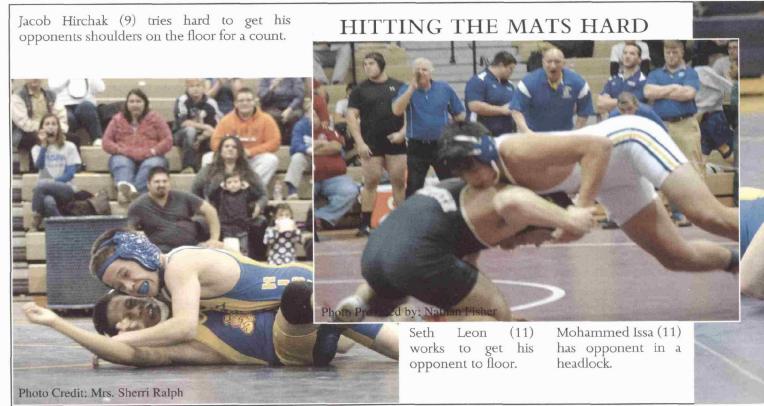
Coach Harrington gives helpful tips to Reilly Panozzo (10) and Paige Spiegel (9). Both girls had terrific seasons and were a big help with their 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle races. Harrington makes sure these girls are ready for the rest of the Conference meet. With only 13 girls, the team was able to score in 2nd place.

Overall Record 9-11 Clark L 35-45 Garret L 12-68 River Forest W 42-39 Rochester L 69-12 SB Clay L 9-60 Triton W 42-41 Gavit W 42-31 Munster L Lowell L 24-59 East Chicago W 59-24 Griffith L 6-69 Kankakee Valley L 27-44 Whiting W 81-0 Morton W 48-28 Bishop Noll W **Gavit W 39-38** Goshen L 9-70 Hobart L 12-69 Whiting W Andrean L

(11) fights to pin his opponent to Head Coach: Mr. Chris Krincic the floor. Assistant Coach: Doug Robbins

Justin



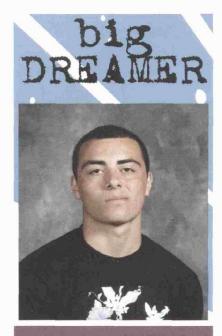




### Never Quit

#### KEEP ON GRINDING

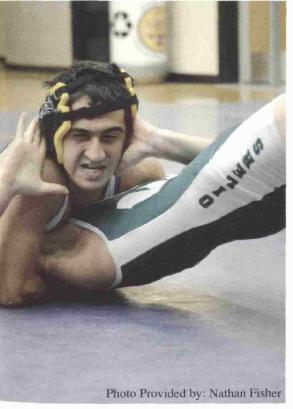
Trojan wrestling was given a dose of history when 2000 Highland graduate, Mr. Chris Krincic returned to his home as a History teacher and Varsity Wrestling Coach, Team numbers increased as well as the work ethic of all team members. From senior leadership in David Alcarez (12), Adam Zehner (12), Nathan Fisher (12) and David Phillips (12) the team was able to advance six wrestlers to Regionals this season. Wrestlers Jacob Hirchak (9), Justice Zachery (9), Justin Maldonado (11), Seth Leon (11), Phillips and Alcarez made a mark in the books for Highland Wrestling. After many battles with teammates in practice, and a loaded regular season, Leon qualified for Semi-State at the 182 pound weight class. In addition, Zachery and Alcarez were listed as alternates. This season was a bright turn around for the program, and was one for the record books of Highland Wrestling. Excitement for excelling in the sport of wrestling made it's way back to Highland this season.

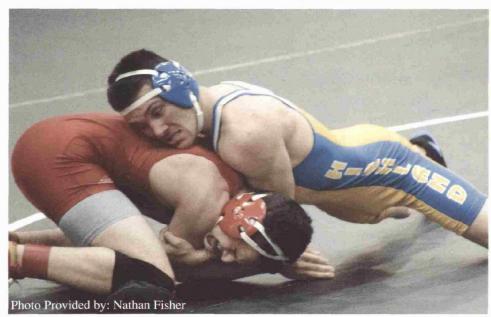


#### JUSTIN MALDONADO

My biggest accomplishment was...
When i made it to regionals.
My favorite memory this year was...
All the team bondings and taking
selfies with the team.
What kept me going when I failed
was...
My mentality to get back up and my
urge to keep going.
My pregame ritual was...
Listening to music before my
matches.
This sport made me a better person

because...
fIt taught me self discipline,
leadership skills, and it boosted
my courage.





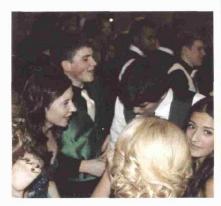
David Alcarez (12) makes an effort to keep his opponent from pinning him to the ground.

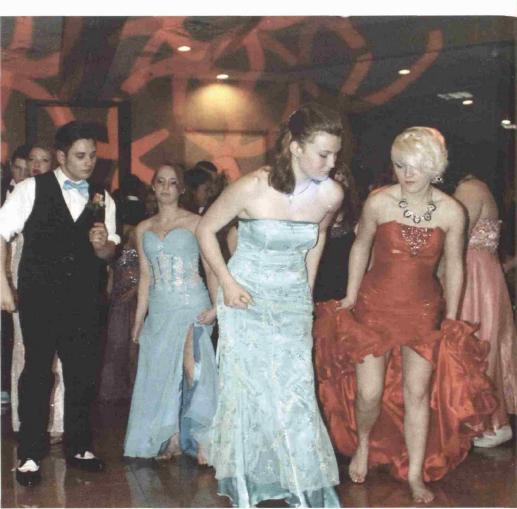
Highland students keep the dance floor moving with the Electric Slide.

Lauren McFee (9) and Zakery Pizer (9) take a break from the dance floor.

Students kept the dance floor full all night long.

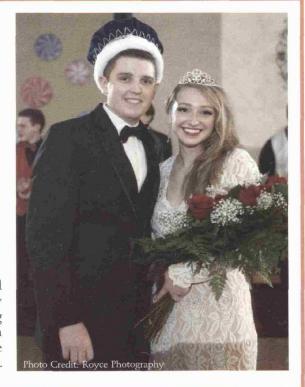




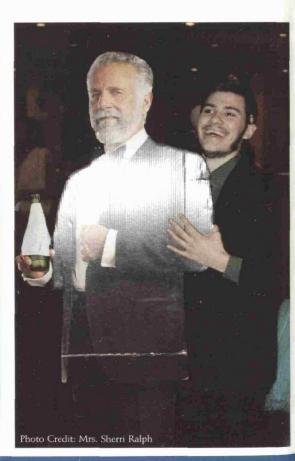


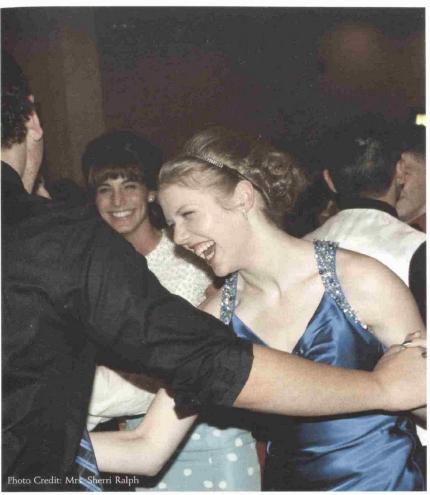
2015
Turnabout King,
Brett Sabo
and
Queen
Mackenzie
Covault.

Turnabout King and Queen pose for many pictures after being announced. It was a perfect night for the couple.



Kevin Colon (12) dances with his date, the Doseckis friend.





# A Trip TO CANDY LAND

### TURN ABOUT COURT



Mackenzie Covault and Brett Sabo



Kelsey Dyer and Matthew Fondos



Katherine Harnisch and Mitchell Mastey



Julie Neidow and Nicholas Keil



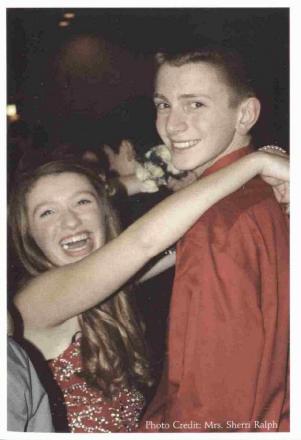
Megan O'Donnell and Jordan O'Day



Hannah Ryzewski and Marco Guerrero

Court Photos Provided by: Royce Photography







A photo taken by the DJ of the night gets captured.

Dates, Katie Krick (9) and Mattew Cotner (9), laugh hysterically while slow dancing.

### Making A Difference

Once again the Student Council held the Annual Spaghetti Dinner. This year we were proud to represent the Urban Family of Highland. Both sons have been diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy. Not only the community, but the School Town of Highland was very involved with making this night successful. Many businesses around the area contributed a donation towards the raffle. This experience showed Student Council members and the town how community comes together to support each other. This was one of the big events the town and school can be apart of. Not only did the Student Council participate but the members of the Middle School and Johnston Student Council helped out as well to support one of our families. Thanks to all that supported the Spaghetti Dinner, the Student Council was able to present a check for a grand total of \$4,500 to the Urban Family.



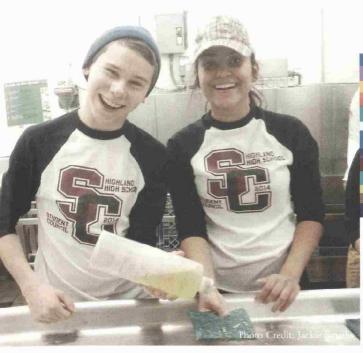


Joseph Stoica (12) and Kyle Pfister (12) keep things clean by washing dishes all night.

Hannah Hennessy (10), Mackenzie Lewis (10), and Victoria Shamel (10) serve food to all the guests attending the Spaghetti Dinner.







Even behind the scenes work is required to make the annual dinner run smooth and successful. Zachary Fraley (10) and Katleen Rocha (12) sanitize serving trays.





To make room for more guests, Kylie Richardson (9) works to keep tables clear during the annual Spaghetti Dinner.

The Urban Family that was choosen as this years receipient for the annual dinner pictured with the Student Council officers and Mr. Dennis Kaminski, Student Council Sponsor.

#### Such Fools

Highland Theatre Company presented it's winter production on February 27, 28 and March 1, 2015. Directed by Krista Baker (12), cast members worked to break the curse of chronic stupidity in the story, "Fools" by Neil Simon. Jared Gutierrez (12) portrays Leon Tolchinsky, an educator in the Russian culture. His hope is to get Sophie Zubritsky played by Emily Brill (12) to fall in love with him. Fellow cast members also desire the curse to be broken while Count Gregor Youskevitch played by Dean Lebeter (12) hopes the curse will stay in place so that he can marry Sophie himself. In the end, love prevails and the curse is broken.

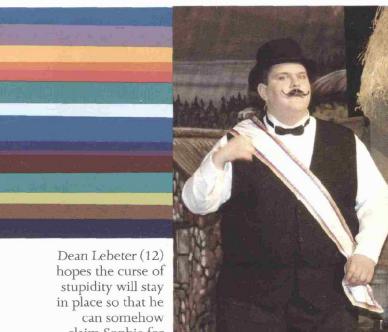
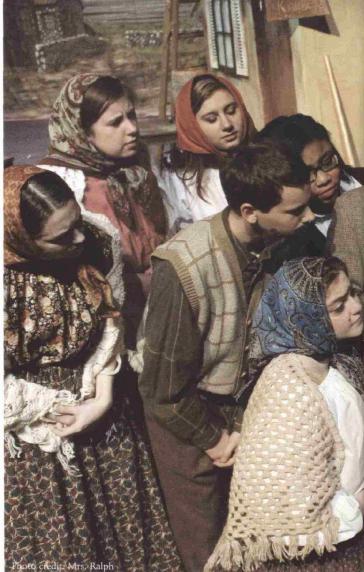


Photo credit: Mrs. Ralph

claim Sophie for himself.

Emil Brill (12) attempts to learn mathematics during a lesson with the new russian teacher, but is not that successful.







Zach Fraley (10) and Emily Smith (11) peer through the window to see if the schoolmaster has helped break the curse.





Josh Unruh (12) finally delivers the mail that would help release the curse of stupidity.

The entire cast looks and listens as Jared Gutierrez (12) reads his letter that allows him to finish the job of breaking the curse.

#### Work Load

Balancing classes, homework and studying is not an easy task. For some students, a part time job is something else that is added onto their schedule. Various businesses in our area hire students of Highland High School to work in different positions. "Working late nights makes it hard to stay caught up on sleep. The pay checks allow me to save and get things that I want," says Killian O'Donnell. Employment brings more than a pay check though. Learning responsibility and time management is a great skill to learn as a teenager.



Lauren Frick (10) and Amarius Franklin (12) serve ice cream and other treats at Oberweiss Dairy in Schererville, IN.





Killian O'Donnell (12) does food prep in the back kitchen of Bagger Dave's-Burger Tavern.



Imani Wilson (12) balances a work schedule at Firehouse Subs with her senior schedule.

#### To and From

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For teenagers at the age of 16 a huge responsibility can be put on their shoulders. Attaining a drivers license is a big step toward becoming an adult. Here at Highland there are 2 parking lots for students with their license to park in. A Lot is for seniors and C Lot is for all the other students with their license and a car. At the age of 16 and 6 months kids are able to receive their license, and at the age of 17 they can drive with other people other than family over the age of 25. Being able to drive to school is a big help to students. It allows kids to drive themselves and others as well as having a sort of responsibility to uphold. Fall of 2014 Tyler Potesta (11) got his license and a car. "I am able to sleep longer and I can stay after school at a later time without having to worry about transportation needs", Potesta says. Although some students are left to ride the bus, the freedoms of having your own wheels makes everything a little easier.

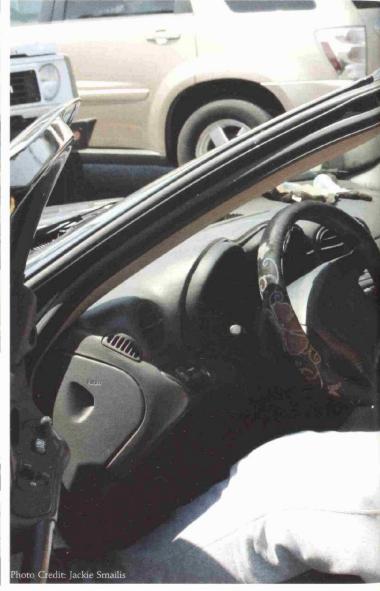




Zachary Vassar (11) parks in C Lot during his first year

Austin Svihlik (10) found that driving helped during baseball season to get him to and from practice.







Being able to get a ride with friends kept Michael Domagalski (11) away from using the buses to get to and from school.



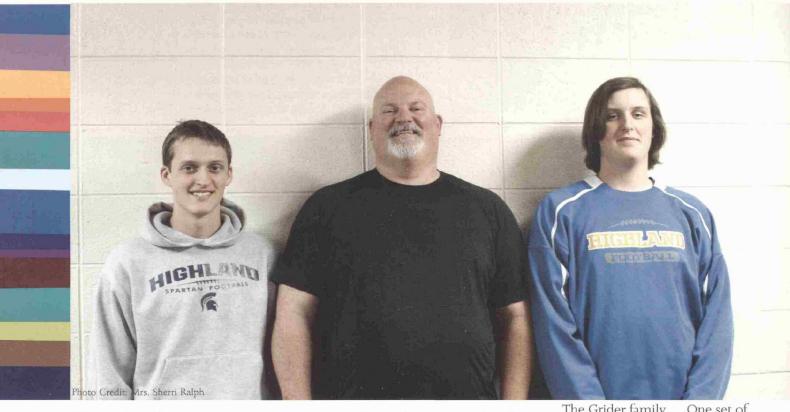


Rebecca Klacik (11) gets into her car in C-Lot to head home at the end of the day.

Storage space for football practice gear helped Dylan Whitehead (11) when he had to make his way back for weights.

### Strong Family Ties

SIBLINGS, TWINS OR EVEN PARENTS AS TEACHERS.

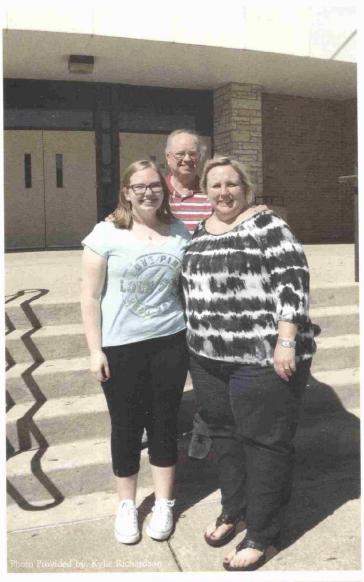


The Trojan Family has some deep routes throughout our school. Within the school real family members get to walk the hallways together, and even sit in the same classes. Identical and fraternal twins are seen in each class, sometimes multiple times. The senior class took multiple years to tell apart identical twins Maxwell Mastey (12) and Mitchell Mastey (12) and also Nicholas McQuillan (12) and Sean McQuillan (12). Other twins such as Adam Veronesi (9) and Mia Veronesi (9) were easy to tell apart as one is a boy and one a girl. Most mistake Sarah Elrod (9) and her twin Grace Elrod (9) because of their similar looks, but they are fraternal twins as well. Besides twins, our school also has father and son combination with the Grider family. Mr. Trent Grider was able to come to school each day with two of his sons, Griffin Grider (11) and Gannon Grider (9). He was also able to spend plenty of time with them both during football season. Teacher couples were spread throughout the wings of the school with Mr. and Mrs. Belli, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsuleski, Mr. and Mrs. Koulianos and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson. To the Trojans, family keeps us together for life.

The Grider family includes Mr. Trent Grider and his sons Griffin Grider (11) and Gannon Grider (9).

One set of fraternal twins in the freshmen class include Adam Veronesi (9) and Mia Veronesi (9).

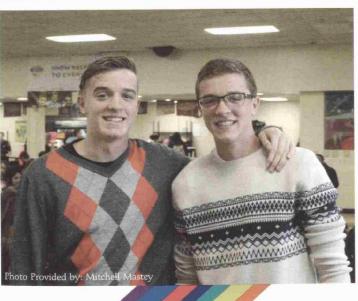




One of Highland's married couples, Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson were joined by their oldest daughter, Kylie Richardson (9) this year.



Sarah Elrod (9) checks in for her twin sister Grace Elrod (9) during a basketball game. The twins play basketball and softball together.





Identical twins Mitchell Mastey (12) and Maxwell Mastey (12) found dressing for twin day quite easy. Long term friends McQuillian (12) from Merkley days and Sean can finally tell them apart after 13 years of school.

Moving into Trojan Territory during the summer of 2012 were identical twins Nicholas McQuillian (12).

Thomas Agan Alejandro Aguilar Ademide Akanbi MaryamRose Allan Celena Alvarez Austin Andreatta Sofia Arrue Jacqueline Astorga Vicente Ayon Brianna Baca Saul Balderrama Jared Barnes Joshua Bennett Zachary Bertossi Alyssa Bettress Amanda Bishop Aubry Blauw Douglas Brandon Taylor Breidenbaugh Nicholas Bremer Abigail Brosseau





























Andrew Carstensen Priscilla Carvajal Adriana Castillo Juan Castillo Robert Cerda Anthony Cimaroli Leah Clark















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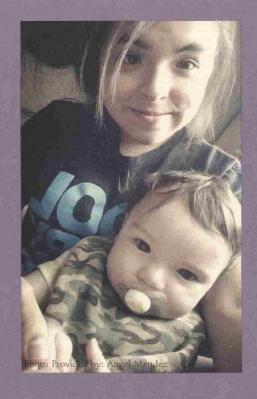




#### ANGEL MENDEZ

High School is where students are guided in a direction to prepare for their future by their teachers, guidance counselors and administration. Angel Mendez's (10) plan included working to graduate from high school and then pursuing post secondary education and a career as a Veterinarian Technician. This was until her future took an alternate path.

Mendez realized she was going to become a mother. She faced her fears by telling her parents and was relieved that they stuck by her side through the journey of her pregnancy. Michael Kwasny, was born on November 23, 2014. Most teenager mothers usually don't come back to school but Mendez did. Mendez's mother helped support her by watching Michael so that she could return to school. Mendez would stay up with her son until he fell asleep and would then begin her assignments for school.



Being a teenage mother adds to her daily responsibilities. However, she is determined to stick with her plan and pursue her dreams.



Trevor O'Donnell Walah Odtallah Riley O'Hare Ethan O'Riley Victor Ornelas Isabella Osgood Kolin Palmer





Hailey Rattray Collin Reilly Avery Reinhart Madeline Revercomb Bradley Reynolds Jordan Rhoten Nathan Riffle

Chloe Rivera Shawn Rogers Rylee Ross Theresa Ross Nicole Russell Nicholas Rycerz Ghenella Salanio

Marcello Sansone Dusko Sasic Seneca Scanlan Zachary Schneider Zachary Schultz Meagan Scott Brandon Scoville

Michel Serrato Victoria Shamel Alyssa Sharp Austin Smith Victoria Smith Jillian Soltesz Gabriele Stacey



























Overall Record: 14-9 NCC Record: 6-5

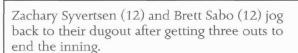
vs. Morton L 9-0 vs. Gavit W 5-1 @Washington Township W 10-2 @Hobart (Railcats) L 0-9 vs. Hobart L 0-3 @Merrillville W 8-7 @Hanover Central L 1-11 @Whiting W 13-1 @Valparaiso W 7-1 vs. Griffith W 11-10 @Griffith W 17-4 vs. Lowell W 5-2 @Lowell W 2-1 @Andrean L 2-4 @East Chicago Central W 12-0 vs. Kakakee Valley W 10-7 @Kankakee Valley W 3-0 @Chesterton L 1-2 vs. Munster L 2-5 @Munster L 6-1 @Bishop Noll W 5-3 @Clark W 9-2 vs. West Side (Sect.) W 12-0

Head Coach: John Bogner Assistant Coach: Matt Bugajski JV Coach: Aaron Bugajski Freshmen Coach: Cory Grinnell

vs. Lake Central (Sect.) L 1-3

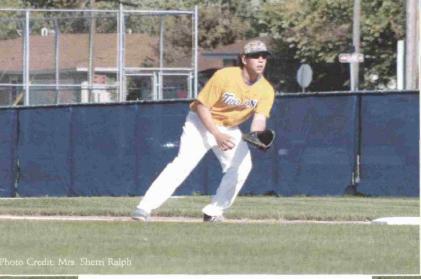
Brett Sabo (12) tags second base for the force out and throws the ball to first to turn the double play.







#### Aggressive Fielding



Luke Podgorny (11) gets into a ready position to field a ground ball hit to first base.

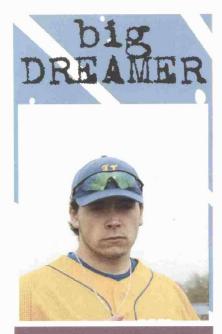
Jeremy O'Donnell (12) gets back to home plate after bringing in a foul ball.



#### The Next

#### GENERATION OF BASEBALL

The Trojans hit the diamond with a solid group of seniors looking to compete during their final year of high school baseball. With Clayton Keltner (12) in the starting pitching rotation, his teammates were ready to play strong defense as he did his work from the mound. Behind the plate Jeremy O'Donnell (12) was determined to make his senior year his best ever. Zachary Syvertsen (12), another returning starter held strong at short stop and was coined to be a force to be reckoned with while in the batter's box. Adding in move in Jordan Petty (11) as a left handed pitcher was an added bonus for the Trojans. Finishing the conference season with a record of 6-5 the team was ready to head into Sectionals. First on the schedule was Gary West Side. The Trojans had a strong showing on the field and in the batter's box and ended the Cougars season with a 12-0 win. This big win gave the boys confidence to face the Lake Central Indians in the Championship game. The Trojans fell short of a win with a score of 1-3, but felt good about the accomplishments that the season brought.



#### CLAYTON KELTNER

My biggest accomplishment was... committing to play college baseball.

My favorite memory this year was... our six game win streak and sweeping Griffith and Lowell. What kept me going when I failed was...

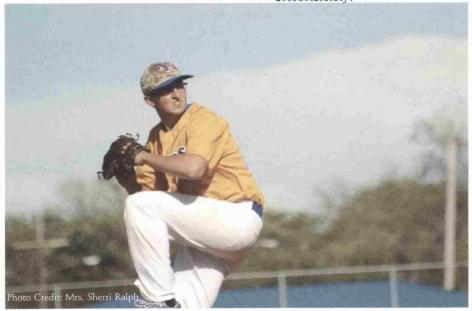
knowing that baseball is a game of failure.

My pregame ritual was... drawing a cross on the back of the mound before I pitch. This sport made me a better person

because...
it gives me a better sense of

it gives me a better sense of leadership and taught me accountability.





Kevin O'Donnell (12) winds up for his pitch in order to throw a strike across the plate for the Trojans.

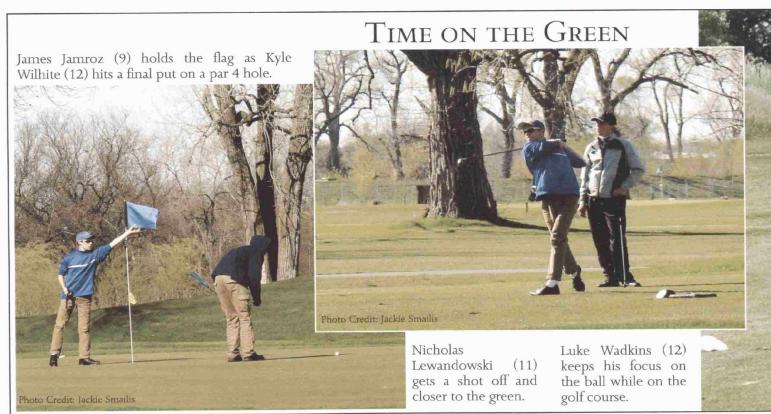
Overall Record: 7-5 NCC Record: 4-2

vs. Munster W 200-185 vs. Lake Central L 185-151 vs. Griffith W 191-195 vs. Kankakee Valley W 188-201 vs. Munster W 183-186 vs. Valparaiso L 199-174 vs. Hobart L 192-188 vs. Portage L 173-157 vs. Lowell W 181-201 vs. Andrean L 190-173 vs. Hammond Clark W 180-238 vs. Bishop Noll W 192-240 Kankakee Invite 398 10th/16th Rensselaer Invite 368 7th/11th LaPorte Invite 329 17th/22nd Lake Central Invite 365 11th/16th Conference 385 5th/7th Sectionals 393 6th/11th \*Lowest Score Wins

Head Coach: Mr. Dan Richardson

Jonathan
Payne (12)
and Kolin
Palmer
(10) get
some
practice
shots in
prior to a
post
season
match.



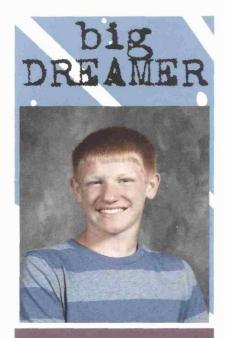




### Eighteen

#### Holes to get a victory

Eleven boys decided to make the local green golf courses their home for the spring sports season under the direction of Coach D. Richardson. Although the weather did not fully cooperate every day, each of the boys learned to stay warm and dry when the opportunity to drive, putt and chip arose. In **Northwest Crossroads Conference play** during the regular season, the Trojans held their own and left their mark with five wins. During the Conference Match, the Trojans placed 5th out of seven teams. Participating in invitationals did bring success against larger schools. During matches and even practice the boys were able to use their time to better learn the game and strategies to suceed. Earning Most Valuable Golfer was Luke Wadkins (12). Most Improved Golfer went to Jonathan Payne (12) and Best Mental Attitude went to Nicholas Lewandowski (11).



#### Alexander Fitt

My biggest accomplishment was... being placed on the Varsity lineup.

My favorite memory this year was... Jon locking his keys in his car. What kept me going when I failed

my love for the game of golf.

My pregame ritual was...

the team listening to "Jump Around"
on the bus before every match.

This sport made me a better person
because...

golf makes me more patient and polite.





Kolin Palmer (10) carefully analyzes his tricky contour putt to get the best chance he has to get the ball into the hole.

Overall Record: 6-19

NCC Record: 1-11

vs. Morton W 13-3

@Lake Central L 0-9

@Hanover Central L 6-13 vs. Griffith L 6-8

vs. Valparaiso W 8-5

vs. Valparaiso W 5-4

@ Lowell L 3-4 @Hobart L 0-10

s. Kankakee Valley L 7-9

@Andrean L 4-5

vs. Munster L 2-7

@Gavit L 4-5

@Griffith L 2-4

vs. Lowell L 1-4

@Penn L 0-10 @Penn L 3-11

vs. Hobart W 2-1

@Kankakee Valley L 4-9 vs. Bishop Noll L 1-9

@Munster L 3-9

@ Chesterton L 2-4

vs. Andrean L 3-10

vs. EC Central (Sect.) W 16-2 vs. Morton (Sect.) W 9-2

vs. Lake Central (Sect.) L 0-6

Head Coach: Miss S. Funston Assistant Coach: Miss M. Cioffi JV Head Coach: Miss A. Richwalski

V Assistant Coach: Miss J. Brannagan

Jenna Orange (11) looks directly at the catchers mitt in order to deliver a perfect strike.



Elizabeth Hoffman (10) launches the ball back to the infield after catching a fly ball to prohibit a runner from advancing.

One pitch at a Time



Danielle Fowler (10) winds up to throw the ball to first to get

the out.

Rachel Bremmer (12) gets ready in right field for an oncoming line drive.

Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



## 3 Up...

With an upperclass predominance, the Varsity Softball team was prepared to make this season one to remember. With leadership in senior captains, Samantha Tedesco (12), Felicity Hillegonds (12) and Rachel Bremmer (12) the team was prepared to battle their way through the season. With a slow start of 1-3, motivation was found to edge their way over Valparaiso not once, but twice. The NCC was stocked with tough competition for the Lady Trojans to face. Their conference record was a mere 1-11. however the lessons that they learned on the field helped prepare them for tournament time. With the school year over, the team continued forward into Sectionals. Facing East Chicago Central in the first round at home, the Lady Trojans fought to advance with a score of 16-2. In the second round a win against Hammond Morton guaranteed their spot in the Sectional Championship game for the first time since 2011. A tough loss against the Lake Central Lady Indians brought the season to an end, but one that left a dream for more to come.



#### SAMANTHA TEDESCO

My biggest accomplishment was... improving my batting enough to go 4-4 at Lowell.

My favorite memory this year was... helping out with kids camp. What kept me going when I failed

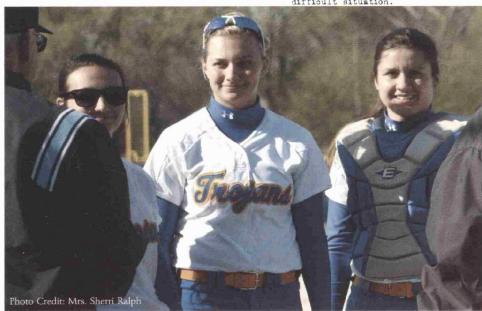
knowing that I needed to stay positive for my team.

My pregame ritual was... huddle with teammates outside the dugout and say our goal for the game.

This sport made me a better person because...

it helped me learn from my mistakes and stay positive when I'm put in a difficult situation.





The three senior captains; Samatha Tedesco (12), Rachel Bremmer (12), and Felicity Hiligonds (12) stand at home plate with the umpires for discussion of the field and review of the rules in their last home game.

Overall Record: 5-12 NCC Record: 2-4

North Newtown W 5-0 Chesterton L 0-5 Lake Central L 0-5 Griffith W 5-0 Merrillville W 3-2 Crown Point L 0-5 Munster L 0-5 Hobart W 3-2 Portage L 1-4 Highland Doubles: 5th Calumet W 5-0 Lowell L 2-3 Kankakee Valley L 1-4 Valparaiso L 1-4 Andrean L 2-3 Whiting L 0-5 Michigan City L 0-5 Sect: Munster L 0-5

JV Record: 11-8 (4-2 NCC)
JV Highland Invite Champs

Head Coach: Mr. Jordan Heckard

Brittany
Brzek (11)
gets ready
to return a
volley
from the
other
team.



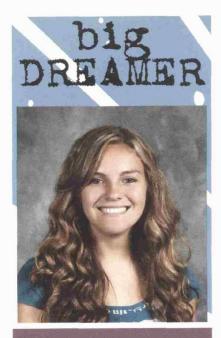




### For the

#### LOVE OF THE GAME

During a cold spring season, the Girl's Tennis team faced many opponents with winter hats, and sweats on. With many seniors listed on the roster, Highland Lady Trojans Tennis did not fear the temperatures. Holly Santaguida (12), Manasi Arya (12) and Sydney Hernandez (12) fought to maintain their number one spots in singles and doubles respectively as did the remainder of the team in working into their assigned rotations. This team was able to support each other through practice and matches. With a lot of time on the court despite the rain, the Varsity team finished with a 5-12 record (2-4 in NCC play) while the Junior Varsity finished 11-8 (4-2 in NCC play.) The Junior Varsity girls were crowned Champions in the Highland Invite. After the Varsity lost to Munster during regular season play, the girls were mentally ready for a rematch in Sectionals. A 0-5 loss to Munster might have ended the season, but the drive to excel at the sport of tennis continued on. The girls learned to love the game.



#### Kathleen Doolittle

My biggest accomplishment was... beating the number 2 singles player from Valparaiso.

My favorite memory this year was... becoming close friends with Manasi Arya.

What kept me going when I failed was...

my love for tennis.

My pregame ritual was...
to always make sure that I eat

before I play.

This sport made me a better person because...

tennis is a mental sport. If you don't have the right attitude, then it makes it really hard to succeed.

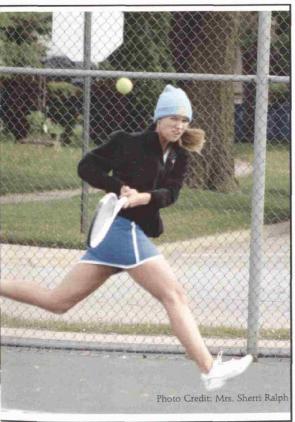




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Manasi Arya (12) looks on for Michigan City to serve the ball at a home match on Senior Night.

NCC Record: 3-3

Highland Invite: 1st place

Conference Meet: 4th place

Head Coach: Mr. Anthony Belli Assistant Coach: Mr. Rob Lukowski

Jamaine Callion (11) sprints towards the long jump pit in the Sectional meet.



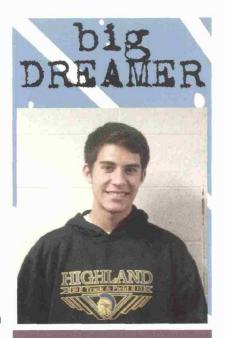




#### Hard Work

#### ACHIEVE GREATNESS

Northwest Indiana's tempermental weather showed its colors with its frigid spring weather this track season. Even though most of the meets were in below 50 degree weather the boys track team was ready. They knew that they had to train hard and prepare themselves for whatever comes next. With strong distance and throwing teams this year they pulled together to help win the Highland invite. In Sectional action Michael Kristy (11) and Austin Guerra (11) took 3rd and 4th in the 1600 meter run, while Tristen Comer (10) and Isaac Hernandez (12) took 3rd and 4th in the 3200 meter run. Hunter Hudnall (12) took 2nd in shot put while Eric Rentschler (12) took 6th. Curtis Gibson (11) took 1st place in discuss followed by Rentschler in 2nd. Regional qualifiers were Adrian Chavez, Isaac Hernandez (XX), Guerra, Kristy, Comer, Hudnall, Rentschler and Gibson. On awards night Guerra received Best Mental Attitude, Andrew Carstensen (11) was awarded Most Valuable Person, and Comer received Most Improved. Balancing each other in the various events of distance, sprints and field events allowed the boys to promote success and encourage each other throughout practices and



#### Austin Guerra

My biggest accomplishment was... working really hard with the team to compete with top runners in out conference.

My favorite memory this year was... working with Tristen Comer testing our strategy for the ! mile race what kept me going when I failed was...

my teammates kept me going and it makes me stronger.

My pregame ritual was ...

I just sit and try to clear my mind while i listen to music.

This sport made me a better person because...

it gives me mental and physical strength to not give up.





Michael Kristy (11) and Austin Guerra (11) pace each other in the 1600 meter race during Sectionals.

NCC Record: 2-4

Conference Meet: 6th place

Tied for 5th in NCC Conference

Head Coach: Miss Siobhan Sullivan Assistant Coach: Miss. Heather Oaks

Janisa
Velazquez
(11)
attempts
to clear
the bar
for high
jump at a
at home
Sectional
meet at
home.



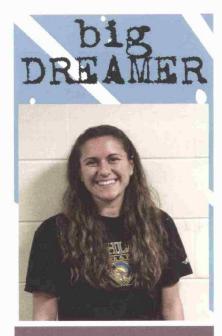




#### Team Work

#### Makes the Dream Work

This track season has had many ups and downs from the beginning. With a young team the girls needed to step up and take on lots of responsibilities. With the guidance from the two team captains Abigail Rivera (12) and Mia Zachery (11) the girls were ready to follow in the footsteps of hard workers. With a balance of distance runners, sprinters, throwers and jumpers the team finished with a 2-4 Conference record. Three individuals and a relay team were able to advance to Regionals. Madeline Revercomb (10) advanced in Discus. Leah Clark (10) advanced in the 800 meter run. Running in the 3200 meter run was Reilly Panozzo (10). Panozzo was joined by Clark, Kimberly Betustak (11) and Abigail Rivera (12) in the 3200 meter relay. Junior Captain, Zachery stated, "the entire group of girls worked really hard this season and stepped up to the plate. It was a great feeling to beat teams in conference more than we have the last two years. None of us were ready for the season to be over, including Coach Sullivan.



#### Abigail Rivera

My biggest accomplishment was...
going sub 6 mintue in the 1600.
My favorite memory this year was...
achieving my goals that I set for
myself, with help from Coach
Lukowski.

What kept me going when I failed

knowing I still had goals I had to reach before the end of the season.

My pregame ritual was...
running in big circles slowly.
This sport made me a better person
because...

track taught me that what you put into things is what you get out.





Madeline Revercomb (10) warms up with a few discus throws before the Sectional meet.

# Highland's Choir LOUD AND PROUD

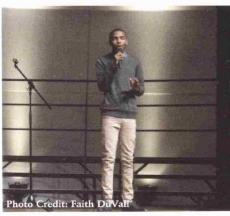
Highland's 2015 Choir had a fantastic year of working together and making great memories. Choir is where you express yourself and let out all of your feelings through music. Choir is not just a group of singers, Highland's Choir is a family. Mr. Markley, Choir Director, gave each student a chance to stand out individually when he asked all of his students to participate in ISSMA. As a result, out of 64 total events 47 of them won gold and made it to state. During the state competition 35 events participated, and 28 won gold. Throughout the year, the choir has made many unforgettable memories.

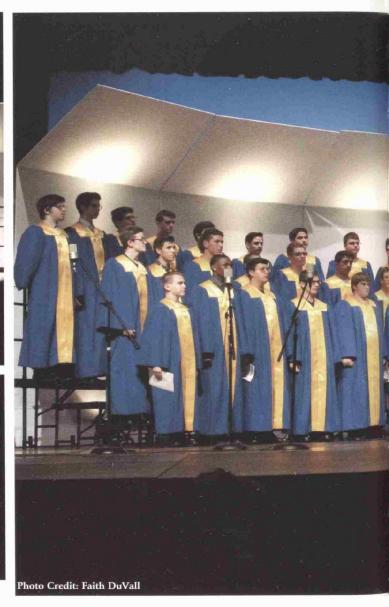


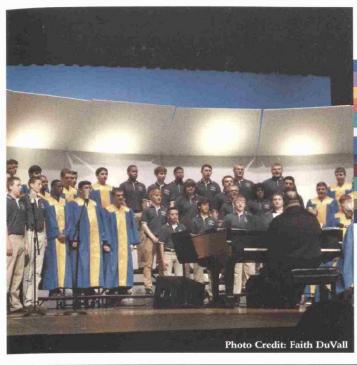
Alexis Martisauskas (10) and Brittany Cruz (10) sing a duet for "It Gets Better," for the

Amarius Franklin (12) sang his senior song in memory of his Grandfather at his last choir concert.









Varsity and Beginner Choir boys join together on stage for "Seize The Day" in the final choir concert of the year.





Maria Reiff (12) sings her senior song while playing guitar.

Varsity choir performs under the direction of Mr. Markley.

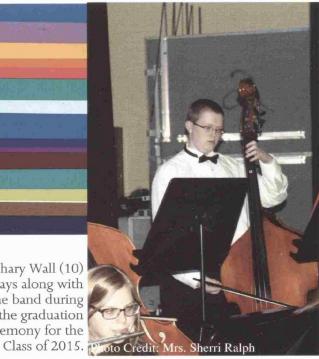
### Straight Gold

This year was an amazing year for Highland's Orchestra under the direction of Mr. P. Loos. Successful concerts were held throughout the year. In addition, the Orchestra had a rewarding time at ISSMA competition. Soloists Felipe Caldeira (10), Kathleen Doolittle (10), Dustin DuFault, Wyatt Kucginski (9), Chris Peters (9), and Robert Ross (12) are some that qualified for state competition. Making history was Highland's first large string ensemble in recent history to qualify for State competition.

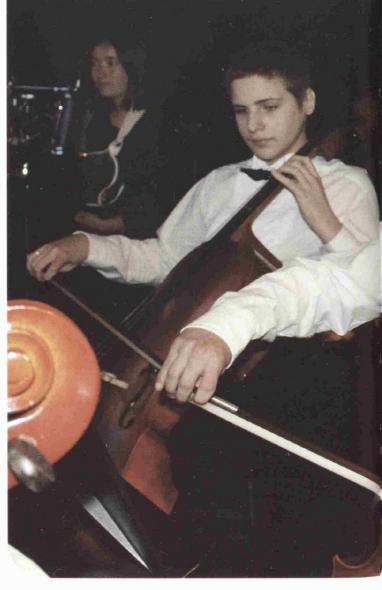


Zachary Wall (10) plays along with the band during the graduation ceremony for the

Violinist Katie Krick (9) follows her sheet music during a concert.









Christopher Peters (9) shows his musical talent extends into the realm of Orchestra.





Dustin DuFault (9) takes a break in between songs to look at his music.

Christian Walls (9) and Alan Kondrat (9) both enjoy their time with Orchestra.

Anthony Acuna Gabriella Aguilar Ismael Aldana Conrad Alegre Estacia Alejandro Hunter Alexander David Allison













Bryce Anderson Mariah Anderson Marisa Anderson Nicholas Anderson Logan Andreatta Jazmine Armstrong Griffin Amold















Elijah Aurand Casey Austin Mykenzie Avila Angelica Avina Haylee Backs Bryan Barajas Russell Barnes















Christian Barragan Megan Barry Emma Basic Joshua Beauduy Kaley Beecham Jacey Bertalan Hannah Blanchard















Olivia Bodnar Zachary Bodnar Ethan Boleski Abigail Borowski Tyler Brankin Salym Brewer Harrison Bronisz















Nolan Brough Kyle Brown Garrett Bryak Samantha Bugno Brian Burbridge Tesa Burke Samantha Byquist















Sandra Cabrera Daniel Campos Santana Cantu Samuel Carpenter Arick Casiano Olivia Casiano Adam Castillo

















Sydni Gizynski Kyrstyn Glover Mason Gluth Lauren Gora Morgan Greathouse Gannon Grider Nicholas Guerrero Skylar Guffey Brianna Gutekunst Islam Hamad Kaylee Harris Taria Harris Michael Heaton Riley Henry Nina Hickman Meaghan Hillier David Holicz Hunter Houchin Christopher Howard Dylan Huff Allison James Artasia James James Jamroz Antonio Jimenez Benjamin Johnson Veronica Johnson Kaylee Jones Mary Kalbrunner Brandon Kester Zoe Kim Collin Kinley Jessica Klacik Shane Kline Hannah Knipe Alan Kondrat Jacob Korcha Katherine Krick Wyatt Kucginski Sabrina Lambert Jack Lebeter Michael LeNeave Scott Lindberg Coby Linn Alexander Lopez Albert Lorenzi Ivanna Magdaleno Justin Maldonado Raul Maldonado Ethan Markovich















Arianna Martinez Kayla Marty Kayla Mastronardi Michael McBrayer Xavier McDermott Lauren McFee Alicia Mendez















Raul Mendoza Megan Michalak Rose Mikhail Milan Milovac Kelly Minton Garrett Misner Mason Moll















Kaitlyn Moore Briana Moreno Andrew Morgan Ethan Morgan Courtney Morton Braiden Moya Jack Mulligan







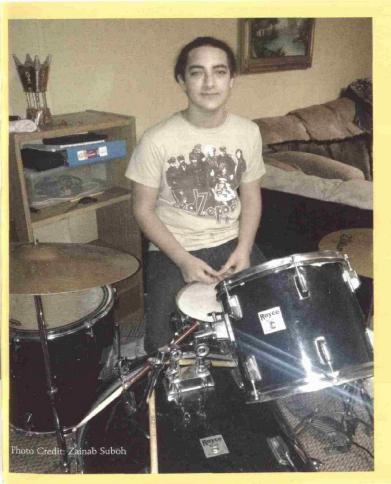








Joshua Mulligan Monica Murray Duha Nassar Shelby Noble Dillon Nunez Riley O'Connor Chloe Oney



#### Husam Suboh

Music gives wings to a mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything. Husam Suboh has been a music lover since he was ten and heard his first Beatles song. He got into The Who, the Rolling Stones, and even Michael Jackson. He found friends that were into the same types of music.

On May 3, 2013 Suboh and his friends created a band named The Day Breakers. Suboh and his drums were joined by Hubble Salgado (9) on rhythm guitar, Liam Curran (9) on lead guitar, and Sam Pizzuoto (10) on bass and lead vocals. They later changed their name to The Influence because they wanted something better. The group plays at parties, fairs, and restaurants. Suboh's love for music is growing larger everyday. The dream of becoming a music producer some day is huge. "I would love to share my passion for music with the world."

Elias Ortega Octavio Ortega Alana Ortiz Caitlin Ortiz Ruben Ortiz Caroline Orzel Kaitlyn Pecoski















Edward Pedroza Anfernee Perez-Aquino Christopher Peters Daniel Piech Bethany Pindrock Monica Pitts Zakery Pizer















Olivia Popovich Juanita Puentes Allex Pulleyblank Estevan Ramirez Kristina Razo-Castillo Hunter Reilly Lexie Reyes















Kylie Richardson Kyle Ritenour Annabelle Rivera Denise Rogel Gilbert Roman Dailigh Romano Dylan Root















Morgan Rose Ariel Ruiz Ricardo Ruiz Rachel Russell Joseph Salazar Morgan Salazar Hubble Salgado















Marley Salinas Raimee Sanchez Vito Santino Emma Schiller Andrew Sharp Jennifer Sheehan Joseph Silva















Johnny Simon Delaney Sizemore Stephanie Slagle Cole Smith Emily Sowa Bradley Spellings Paige Spiegel

















## Hairspray

#### STANDING OVATION EACH AND EVERY NIGHT



To some it seemed like Hairspray was just another musical, but to the cast it was not. Hairspray meant so much to the cast and crew. I was offered the position of Fashion Director and also gave me the role of Gilbert. It was a lot to juggle, but it was a great challenge for me to take on. This wasn't just a cast, we were all a family know as Highland Theatre Company. I remember wanting to give up and call it guits when things had got rough, but I knew that I couldn't let my family down. The storyline of Hairspray allowed everyone to be able to dance together and not be separated just because the color of their skin. Nobody knew why we took this musical so serious and put a lot on the line for it. This musical really touched a lot of people lives due to the impact that the Baltimore riot left on the world. The news and media allowed the cast of Hairspray to realize that although the storyline took place many years ago, racism is still a factor today and stood as a big subject at the same time of production. Blood, sweat and tears went into the rehearsals and it paid off with three outstanding shows. The cast bowed all three nights with standing ovations and outstanding ticket sales.

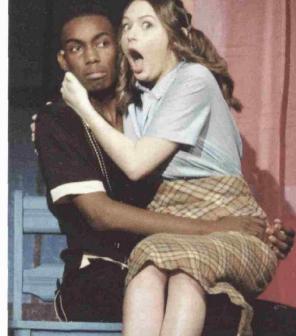


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- Amarius Franklin



Madison Sylvester (12) playing Velma Von Tussle struts her stuff on stage during the Spring Musical.



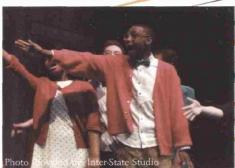
Jade Wright (11) plays a fierce role as sassy Little Inez. Wright played a youth role with a grown attitude.



Hailey Bohlin (11) beld the

lead role of Trace, Turnblad and sang her heart out in "Good Morning Baltimore"

Javon Goshay-Cox (12) sits with Emily Smith (11) as her mom, Prudy walks in to find them kissing.



Link Larkin, Mr. Heart throb played (12) dances with by Chris Peters (9) cast members drove the ladies crazy on stage and Tell That." in the audience.

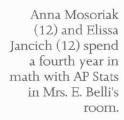
Amarius Franklin during "Run and

#### Academics

Changes to course requirements for graduating classes were evident this year. Seniors graduating were the only class in the high school that were required to take a Speech class while in high school. With changes to academic standards, speech standards were built into other curriculum areas. Seniors were only required to take three years of math as well. The remainder of the classes must take a full four years of math. Sophomores and Freshmen will face Personal Finance during their upcoming high school years. Changes to other academic areas were not made. Guidance Counselors benefited from their own organization process to track each of their students when scheduling this year.

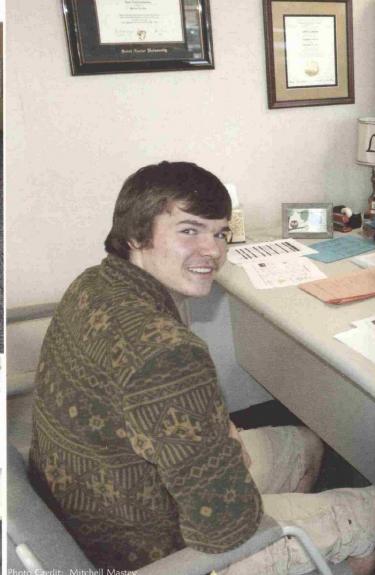


Arianna Brown (12) retakes an Algebra 2 test for Mrs. Ludwig to improve her grade.



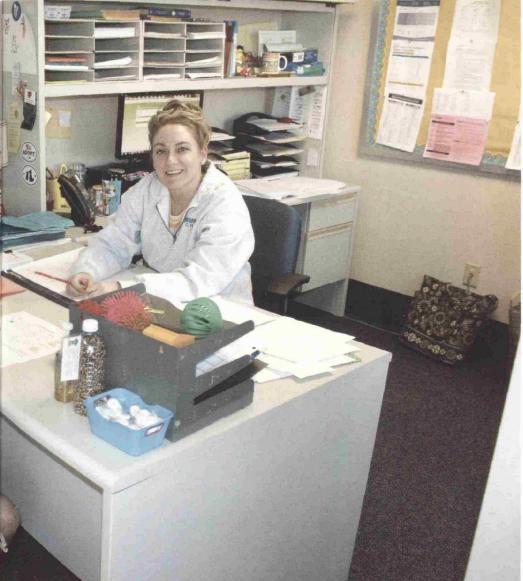








When course requirements are met students such as Kelsey Dyer (12) and Caitlyn Scoville (12) aide for a teacher one class period. Mr. Steenson had the girls continue a painting project.





Mihailo Majkic (12) continues to work with Rosetta Stone to learn the English language.

Taylor Lloyd (11) meets with his counselor, Miss A. Lemon to discuss his course of study to make sure he stays on track for graduation.

#### Education Matters

In today's society there is so much more to school than books, notes and lectures. Instead teachers are now expected to cover curriculum standards as well as implement problem solving strategies for students to be better prepared for their future. Students are encouraged to be creative and to elaborate their interests in each individual subject area. The demands of 21st century learners and the recent changes in curriculum put in place by politicians have changed Highland High School's course offerings as well as the way our teachers instruct the student body. Staff and students alike met the demands by earning the grade of an A School as well as a 4 Star School rating.



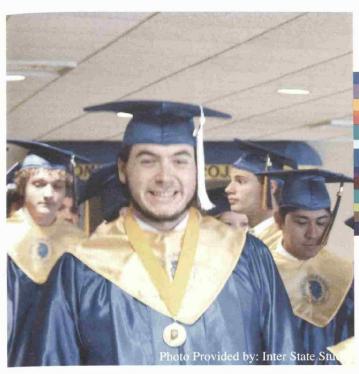
Anthony Procida (12) works diligently to complete an Algebra 2 chapter











Clayton Keltner (12) walks into the auditorium wearing the white tassel representing National Honor Society, as well as his Academic Honor's medal.





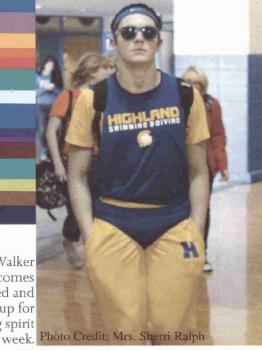
Mrs. Weber's Environmental Science class hikes uphill on their annual field trip to the Dunes while learning about plant life.

Jared Gomez (12) and Joseph Burgess (10) use construction and safety techniques taught by Mr, Spiegel in Intro to Construction class.

#### School Spirit

Pep rallies and spirit weeks are a way for students to show school spirit. This year was no exception. The pep band kicked off each pep rally with the school song while the dance team and cheerleaders pumped up the stands. During the various pep rallies there were many class to class battles. At each and every pep rally there are many different games taken place which excites the student body and gets everyone on their feet. The famous tug-of-war and cart races are always the crowd favorite. These spirit events are always fun especially with the whole student body present. Pep rallies allowed students to show that they were bleeding blue and chasing gold.





Richard Walker (12) comes pumped and dressed up for school during spirit week.

Dakotah Olah (11) and Riley Wyant (11) race to the finish line in huge laundry bins in order to claim their prize.

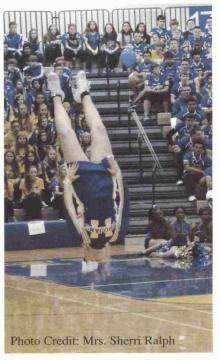






Jade Watts (9) and Brian Barajas (9) quickly stack up canned corn to try and beat the seniors.



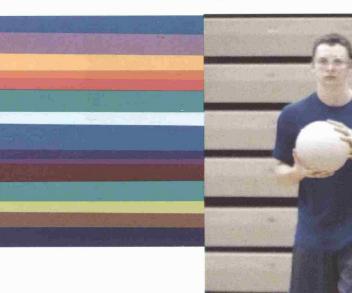


Katlin Snow (12) tumbles across the gym floor during a performance.

The Girl's
Basketball team
and Boy's Swim
team try and win
a game of tug-awar.

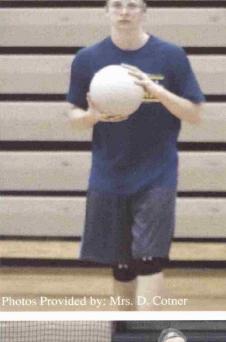
### It's Dodgeball

This year, the freshman class decided to begin a new tradition. The class of 2018 began a Dodgeball Tournament as a way to bring in money in a new and exciting way. This tournament was a huge success with over 15 teams competing that also brought a new fundraising opportunity for years to come. All the teams had unique and exciting coordinating outfits from disco style to golf attire. So many students also came out to support their friends in the tournament. Everyone definitely remembered the 5 rules of dodgeball, Dodge, Dip, Dive, Duck, and Dodge.

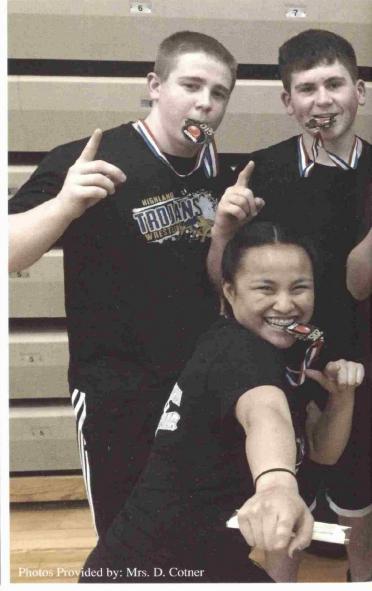


David Long (10) preparing himself to throw the ball to his oppnents.

Jacob Hirchak (9) and Xavier Garcia (11) wait for the ball to come their way.









Zakery Pizer (9), Ethan Fitt (9), and Matthew Cotner (9) were happy to coordinate the dodgeball competition.





Lindsey Wilson (9) is deciding on which way to throw the ball to the opposing team. Her team of all girls were a huge success.

Andrew Kinley (11), Brandon Burbridge (11), Brett Sabo (12), William Polen (11), Wilore Piguing (11), and Lindsey Norton (11) take a team picture as the 1st ever Dodgeball Champions.

### Hands on Training

An opportunity for students to expand their education outside of the traditional classroom awaits juniors and seniors in the Area Career Center option. After a thorough application process, students are accepted into programs that include Cosmetology, Auto Technology, Criminal Justice, Health Science Careers or more. Students compete at a local and state level in their area of study. After completing two years of training, most students are able to exit with certifications and college credits. This type of training benefits students in all program areas as it helps guide their post secondary education and career plans.

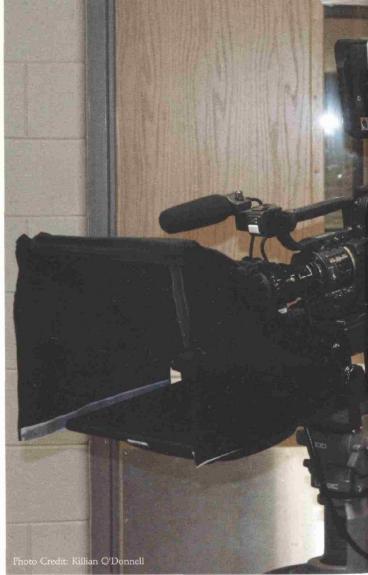


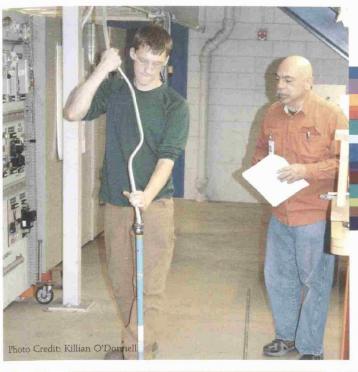
Kenille White (11) practices her cutting skills on a mannequin in her first year of Cosmetology program.



Michael Tobin (12) works on building techniques in his Construction Technology course. Tobin plans to use his education as he continues his career in construction.

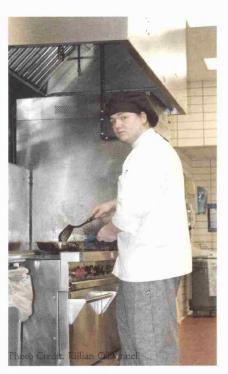






Griffin Grider (11) is bending electrical conduit in his Industrial Maintenance and Welding program.





Second year Cullinary Arts student, Brandon Tate (12) cooks up something special in the kitchen.

As the lone Highland High School student, Tyler Betustak (11) learns how to use audio/visual equipment in the Multimedia Broadcast program.

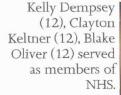
## Using Smarts

National Honor Society is a national organization established to recognize outstanding high school students for their achievements. Highland High School's NHS is sponsored by Mrs. C. Dora. Students must have a minimum of 3.5 GPA and have teacher recommendation letters to be inducted. Once inducted students are required to fulfill volunteer hours. Students earn their hours by participating in tutoring after school up to twice a week, volunteering at various events at our elementary schools or in other settings.



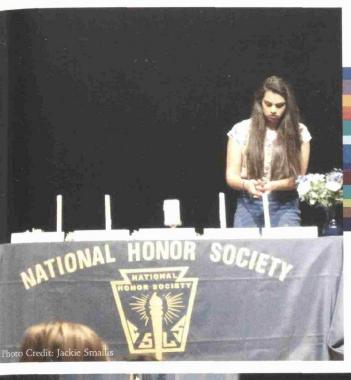


Taylor Steele (10) shakes Mrs. Dora's hand to welcome her into National Honor Society.









Manasi Arya (12) lights the first candle to mark the beginning of the induction ceremony.

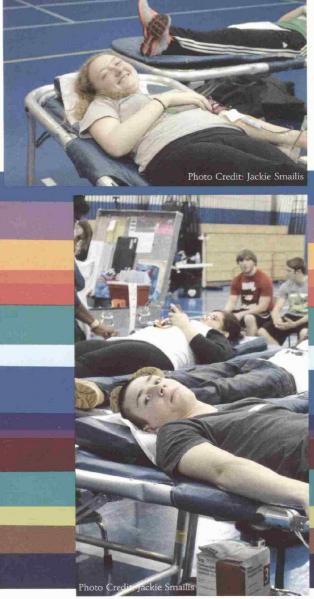




Valedictorian, Annalise Russo (12) speaks to the audience.

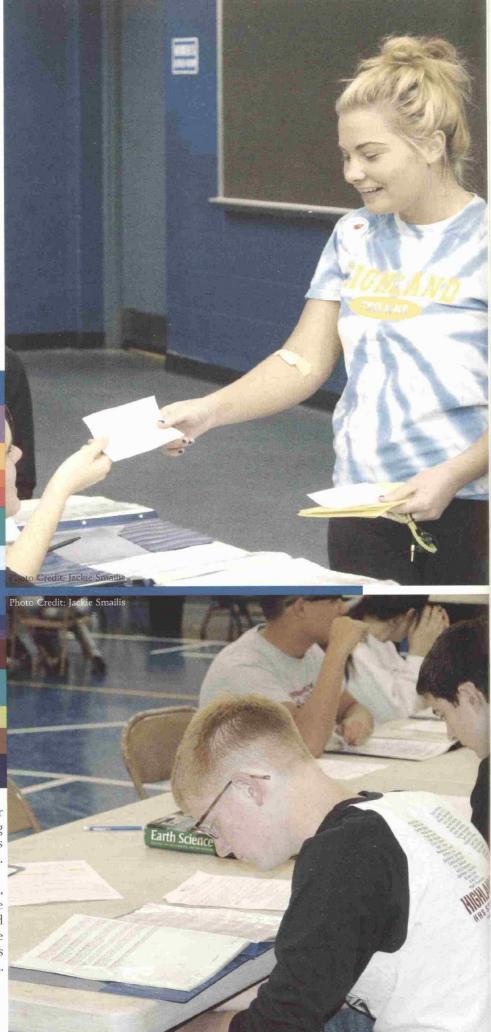
National Honor Society Officers are joined by School Superintendent, School Board Members and Sponsor on stage during the induction ceremony. Josephine Robertson (12), brings her pass back to the front of the table after giving blood.

Caitlyn Scoville (12), staying strong while she gives her blood to help save lives.



Richard Walker (12) waiting patiently for his blood to be drawn.

Alexander Fitt (9), reads the requirements and qualifications one last time before his donation.

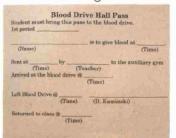


## Every Drop Counts

#### BLOOD...A GIFT OF LIFE

The members of the Highland High School's Student Council held two annual blood drives this year. Both the winter and spring blood drive were a huge success. Under the direction of Mr. Dennis Kaminski, the Student Council members are responsible for finding students willing to donate for this great cause, and with each drive students and staff stepped up to offer their gift. From set up to clean up, members helped check in donors, donated themselves and rotated people through the various stations required for the donation process.

#### lives saving lives









The Student Council officers Stephanie Czarnacki (12), Chloe Conaway(12), Jackie Smailis (12), Matthew Foundos (12), Kelly Dempsey (12), Chloe Gierysmki (12), and Annalise Russo (12) spend their day giving blood and assisting others that donated.

- Each blood drive participant is given a pass to the blue gym so that they can check in with staffers.
- Each participant is given a booklet of information to read before the blood drive process.
- Once the donor reads the information, their blood is checked and other necessary requirements are done.
- Before the donating begins, questions are answered by each volunteer on a tablet.

## Promposals in action

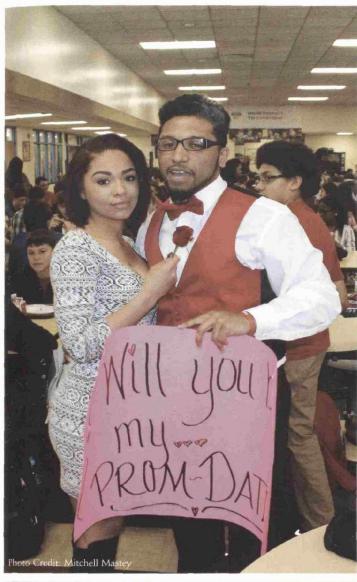
What will the answer be?



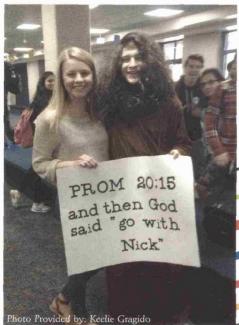
Nicholas McQuillian (12) lined the drive way of Chloe Conaway (12) with Red Solo Cups to deliver his Promposal. She of course said yes.

Tyler Brankin (9) gives his promposal to his girlfriend, Megan O'Donnel (12). Brankin gave O'Donnell a ball with "Every princess needs a date to the ball. And I pick you to be my great catch," written on it.

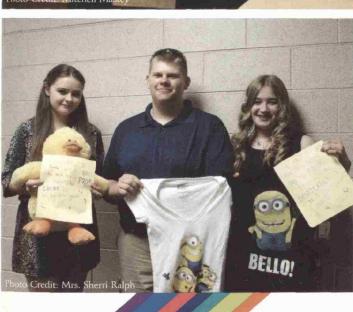




Dressed in a tuxedo, Julius Davila (11) portrays "The Bachelor" as he delivers his promposal to Alijah Stoudemire (12) in the middle of lunch.



Dressed in his favorite costume of the year, Nick Keil (12) requests the blessing of Taylor Breidenbaugh (10) to be his one and only date to the 2015 Prom.





Jon Bugno (11) stashed some special presents in parking violation the band lockers of on top of Kelsey Erin Buckley (12) and Stephanie Sprague (11) to request their arms on his for Prom.

Jack Gluth (12) placed a fake Dyer's (12) car. He waited for her to leave the building to find his promposal request.

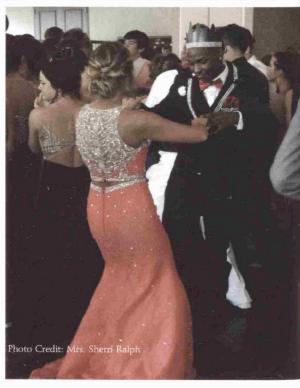
# A Night in the City

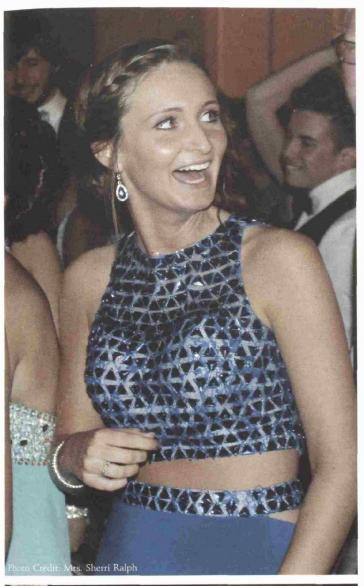




After the King and Queen were announced, balloons were dropped to celebrate the court's dance.

Prom Court was introduced while cameras from all angles snapped pictures. Brooke Morton (12) and Amarius Franklin (12) dance the night away in their shimmering attire.

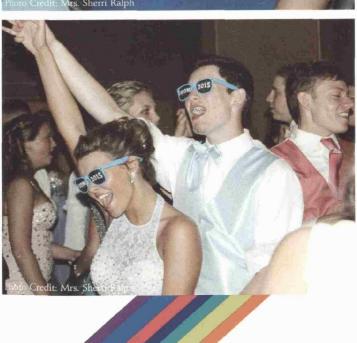




Sharing a smile, Casey Olah (11) looks around at her friends joining for fun on the dance floor.



Grace Montoya (12) and Madison Sylvester (12) dance at their final prom.

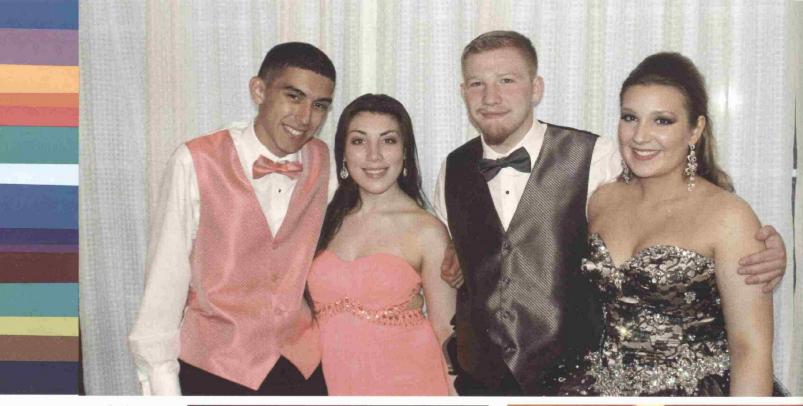


Megan O'Donnell
(12) celebrates her
for prom with
(12) and Maxwell
(12) sit senior prom with (12) and Maxwed date Tyler Brankin Mastey (12) sit (9) with matching blue sunglasses.

with their date, Kelsie Hirchak (12) enjoying some sweets from the chocolate fountain.

## All Dressed Up

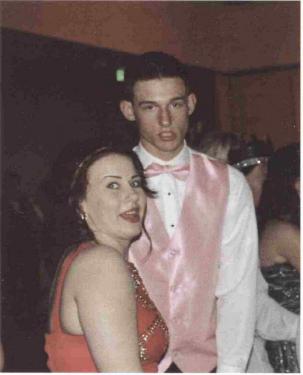
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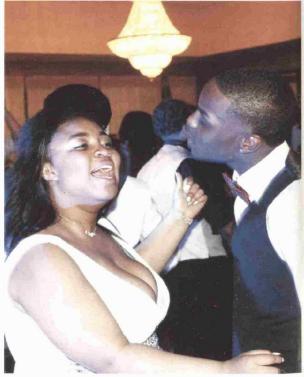


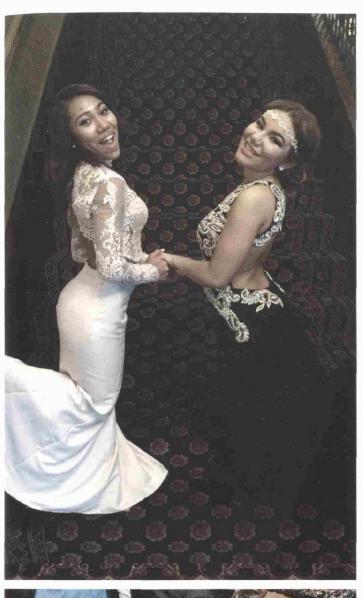
Joshua Solis (12), Haleigh Oakley (12), David Phillips (12) and Abigail Krieger (11) head to their seats to enjoy the snacks from the chocolate fountain.

Jordan Petty (11) and Tamara Templeton (12) get caught off guard mid conversation by the camera.

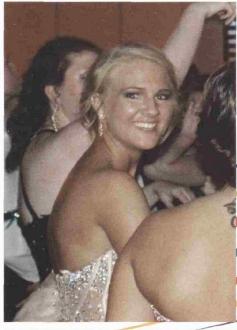
Kristoria Cannon (11) sings with Amarius Franklin (12) to "Lips are Moving" by Meghan Trainor







Best Friends, Imani Wilson (12) and Eliza Hernandez (12) enjoyed their last prom, "A Night in the City."



Rachel Spiekhout (12) dances into the night with friends at Prom.



As the DJ said all night long, "Seniors (10) sings and Rule!" Seniors dances with Kyle gather for a photo circle in the favorite song. middle of the dance floor.

### Class of 2015

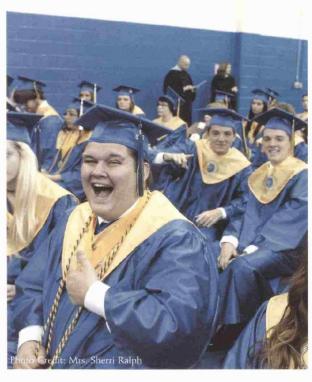
The future is now here.

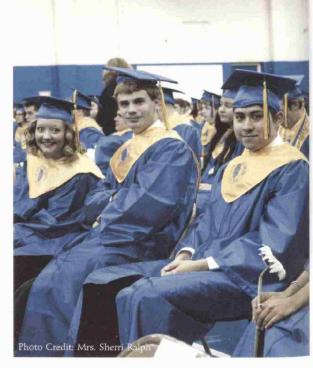


Hannah Johnson (12), Chloe Jarmula (12), Elissa Jancich (12), Julissa Iniguez (12) and Alyssa Ingels (12) get into their seating area with their flowers.

Dean Lebeter (12) can't contain his excitement while twins Mitchell Mastey (12) and Maxwell Mastey (12) sit back and relax...

Emily Bishop (12), Joshua Bertossi (12) and Eddie Bejar (12) have worked so hard to see this day come.







Angel Vasquez (12) sits and waits for the Class of 2015 to gather in the Blue Gym prior to the graduation ceremony.



Kaley Beckham (12) is happy to hear Mr. Madura give final instructions to the Class of 2015.

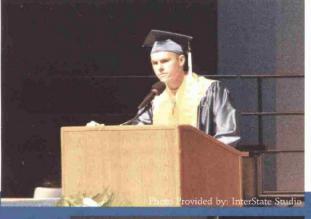


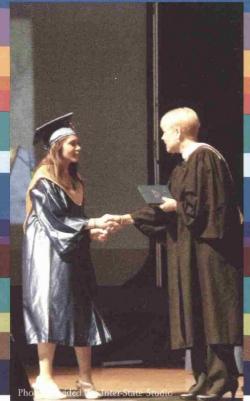
Gierymski (12) walk down the music hallway towards the auditorium.

Danielle Rudnickas Alaina Polen (12) (12) and Chloe lines up with her classmates in the hallway so that the graduation ceremony can begin.

Salutatorian, Blake Oliver (12) delivers his heart felt speech with words of wisdom directed to the Class of 2015.

As the Class of 2015 officially graduates, confetti falls, beach balls get tossed and the Trojan flag is flown one last time.

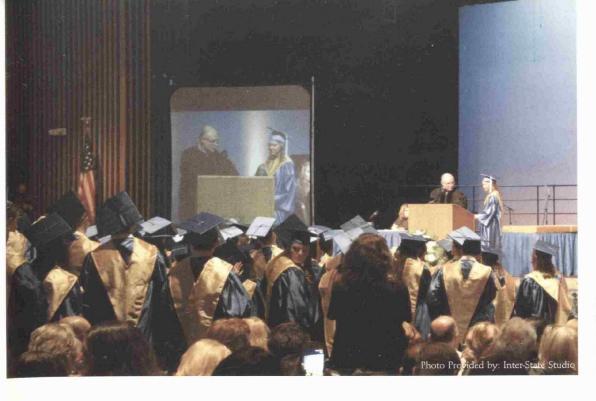




Autumn Harris (12) receives her School Board Member, Mrs. Luanne Jurczak as she makes her way Russo (12) delivers across the stage of Monbeck Auditorium.

As the first National Merit diploma from Scholarship winner for Highland High School in nine years, Annalisse her Valedictorian speech to attendees of the ceremony.





Dr. Patrick Weil welcomes Class President, Megan O'Donnell (12) to the podium to lead the Class of 2015 in the tassel turning.

#### what did you learn









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"You meet and talk to a lot of people with different personalities and you learn how to communicate with

them." -Leo Garcia

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"Never take the little things for granted, and do what you need to do to reach your goals." -Imani Wilson

Although he is the younger twin, Nicholas McQuillian (12) takes his high school diploma before his older brother with a smile and finishes his walk across the stage. Superintendent, Mr. Brian Smith greets Eddie Bejar (12) with a hand shake as he is introduced as a member of the graduating class.

"No matter the situation, a positive attitude can go a long way." -Nicholas Keil

"High School isn't like what's in the movies, but I do know my phone screen is brighter than my future."-Amanda Torrez

#### Our Time Has Come

Twelve years of our lives all added up to this moment. Looking back it's a lot to take, but we made it. Through many obstacles and tough battles faced individually and as a class, we each have succeeded our Trojan journey. Through the long, winding and stressful road, we learned to face each day with strength and pride. We thought we reached the end by receiving our diploma, but the trut stands that we realize our new chapter and beginning awaits us. Some of us had harder journeys than others but in the end we all came together as a class and finished. High school helped us realize no matter where we go or what we do, there are challenges ahead of us. The way we overcome these challenges are what define us as human beings. Although we graduated we will be bleeding blue and chasing gold for the rest of our lives.



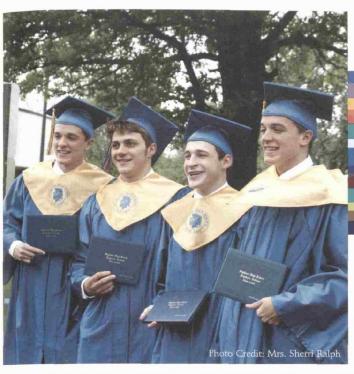
Randy Rhoten (12) poses with one of his favorites, Mr. Madura after graduation for a final goodbye.

Nancy Spudic (12), Amber Feltz (12) and Candice Smith (12) get a photo together in their graduation gowns in front of the school.

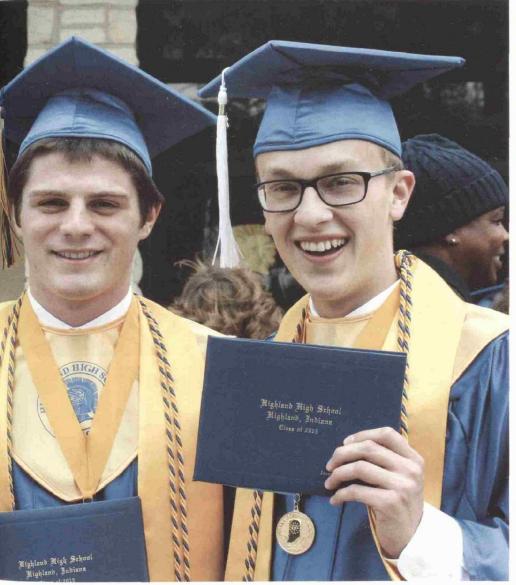


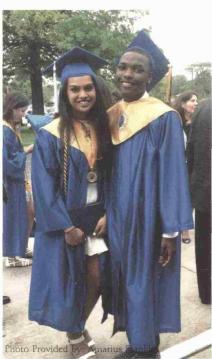






Long term friends Mitchell Mastey (12), Jordan O'Day (12), Nicholas Keil (12) and Maxwell Mastey (12) pose before they go their separate ways.





Manasi Arya (12) and Amarius Franklin (12) celebrate another momentous occasion together with a picture.

Jonathan Payne (12), Nathan Fisher (12) and Joseph Stoica (12) smile with pride while holding the diplomas that they have worked so hard for over the last four years.

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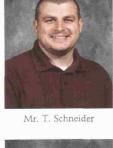


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#### JV/VARSITY FOOTBALL



Row 1: James Lewis, Julius Davila, Shawn Rogers, Jr., Kyle Palmer, Aaron Maldonado, Jun Penaflorida, Nathaniel Montoya, Daniel Drake, Logan Theisen, Mohammed Issa, Gino Padilla Row 2: Kristoria Cannon (mgr.), Ladeja Gamble (mgr.), Coach Crowley, Coach Podgorny, Coach Reid, Coach Grider, Coach Brankin, Coach Musielak, Patrick O'Haver (Trainer), Coach Smith, Courtney Douglas (mgr.), Abigail Krieger (mgr.), Randall Rhoten (mgr.) Row 3: Tyler Woods, Joshua Solis, Kyle Foster, Jeffrey Pena, Casey Gessler, Nicholas Rich, Charles Gerstner, Hunter Rycerz, Anthony West, Michael Campos, Angel Mata, Mervyn Dela Cruz, Brendon Fox, Zachary Bertossi, Adam Zehner Row 4: Tyler Stacey, Collin Reilly, Matthew Markovich, Maxwell Mastey, Andrew Carstensen, Jason O'Donnell, Christian Williams, Zachary Kovacek, Mahailo Majkic, Douglas Brandon, Brandon Herron, Nicholas Rycerz, Ethan Bartlett, Andrew Kinley, David Lacour Row 5: Matthew Foundos, Griffin Grider, Jacob Munsie, Bradley Trichak, Jacob Skierkiewicz, Eric Rentschler, Luke Podgorny, Timothy Stewart, Dylan Whitehead, Alec Foundos, Jarrod Thiele, Hunter Hudnall, Steven McCarty, Caydon Hillegonds, Sean McQuillian, Austin Wagoner

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Row 1: Jacob Hirchak, Michael LeNeave, Raul Mendoza, Elias Covarrubias, Ethan Fitt, Daniel Piech, Anfernee Perez-Aquino, Michael Gilmore Row 2: Bryan Barajas, Jacob Korcha, Scott Stange, Hunter Reilly, Nathan Whiting, Michael McBrayer, Ethan Boleski Row 3: Casey Cox, Nicholas Guerrero, Islam Hamad, Andrew Sharp, Kyle Brown, Antonio Jimenez, Gilbert Roman, Ethan Morgan 4: Casey Austin, Gannon Grider, Coach M. Bugajski, Coach C. Roggenbuck, Coach D. Bedka, Ashton Wilson, Nicholas Anderson

#### **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**



Row 1: Jacqueline Dondiego, Annalisse Russo, Lauren Urevig, Annabelle Rivera, Bailey Whitehead, Brianne Homrich, Skylar Guffey Row 2: Lauren Toth, Ashley Granados, Samantha Contreras, Julie Neidow, Lindsay Grzymski, Abigail White, Renee Orosco, Leah Clark Row 3: Christine Anderson, Mykenzie Avila, Mireya Felix, Victoria Sanchez, Coach E. Belli, Danielle Hernandez, Casey Olah, Moriah McCormick, Kimberly Betustak Row 4: Lilliana Avina, Abigail Rivera, Reilly Panozzo, Cecilia Arceo, Chloe Rivera, Alexandria Hernandez, Morgan Vaclavik, Andrea Scardine

#### **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**



Row 1: Isaac Hernandez, Adrian Chavez, Tristen Comer, Michael Kristy, Sasa Zdrnja, Nolan O'Donnell, Graem Stickann, Jayson Stevens Row 2: Kyle Pfister, Ryan Fiegle, Dustan Gates, Anthony Hecimovich, Alexander Fitt, Estevan Ramirez Row 3: Austin Guerra, Cristian Zendejas, Coach Stickann, Coach Lukowski, Coach Szczepanski, Taylor Lloyd, Aaron Harmon

#### **VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**



Row 1: Taylor Ecsy, Chloe Conaway, Danielle Sorrell, Danielle Fowler Row 2: Paige Stange, Emily Reyes, Brittany Raab, Hannah Ryzewski, Taylor Ryckman Row 3: Coach A. Clark, Jenna Orange, Jordan Hlinko, Coach Egert

#### JV VOLLEYBALL



Row 1: Hannah Starcevich, Elizabeth Hoffman, Jigerjit Cheema, Mackenzie Lewis Row 2: Jillian Hunt, Cheyenne Plecas, Taylor Breidenbaugh Row 3: Coach A. Clark, Kassidy Morinville, Taylor Steele, Coach M. Egert

#### FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL



Row 1: Dailigh Romano, Courtney Morton, Riley Cruse Row 2: Jacey Bertalan, Kayla Masteronardi, Natalie Childress, Jessica Klacik Row 3: Coach A. Clark, Kaitlyn Moore, Coach M. Egert

#### **GIRLS GOLF**



Katelyn Shelton, Jasmine Wagman, Emily Smith, Katherine Harnisch, Coach D. Richardson, Jackie Smailis, Monica Murray, Brooke Rycerz, Kylie Richardson

#### BOYS TENNIS



Row 1: Felicity Hillegonds (mgr.), Alexander Lopez, James Ireton, Jacob Buuck, Manasi Arya (mgr.), Sydney Hernandez (mgr.), Coach A. Baez, Mason Gluth, Kolin Palmer, Travis Anderson, Christian Vazquez, Christopher Peters, Anthony Juranovich, Kyle Prendergast, Anthony Kowalkowski, Tyler Betustak, Zachary Vassar, Nicholas Donsbach, Nikolas Swetz, Brett Sabo, Jack Gluth, Evan Michner

#### BOYS VARSITY SOCCER



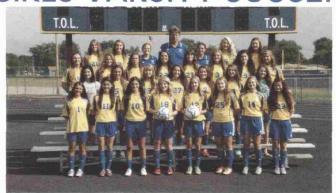
Row 1: Marco Guerrero, Mitchell Moynihan, Nicholas Tuel, Nicholas Keil, Maycen Raycroft (mgr.) Row 2: Darnell Harwood, Brandon Burbridge, Maxwell Mastey, Ryan Serna, Jordan O'Day, Julian Fontanez Row 3: Coach M. Tanis, Eric Davalos, Evan Hillier, William Polen, Joshua Bertossi, Max Young, Coach P. Dorsuleski

#### JV BOYS SOCCER



Row 1: Maycen Raycroft (mgr.), Brian Burbridge, Joshua Mulligan, Ryan McKnight, Jack Mulligan, Ismael Aldana 2: Andrew Vassar, Avery Reinhart, Bryce Anderson, Danny Vargas, Eric Wood, Robert Cerda, Donald Toweson 3: Coach P. Dorsuleski, Justin Maldonado, Adrian Chavez, Seth Leon, Michael Kerber, James Jamroz, Jairo Romero, Coach M. Tanis

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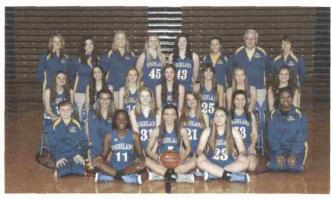
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#### JV GIRLS SOCCER



Row 1: Morgan Salazar, Meaghan Hillier, Berenice Iniguez, Veronica Johnson, Marley Salinas Row 2: Sydney Sills (mgr.), Lauren Gora, Rose Mikhail, Megan Michalak, Katherine Krick, Artasia James, Alyssa Mathias (mgr.) Row 3: Reilly Panozzo, Lindsey Wilson, Kathleen Doolittle, Coach C. Condes, Volunteer Coach S. Dempsey, Lauren Foote, Adriana Castillo, Sarah Wagner

#### VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL



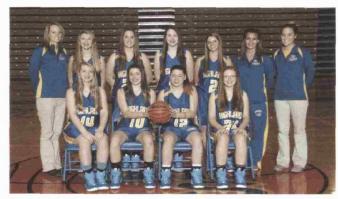
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#### JV GIRLS BASKETBALL



Row 1: Meaghan Hillier, Rachel Russell, Nicole Russell Row 2: Olivia Casiano, Jennifer Sheehan, Artasia James, Wilore Piguing, Madeline Revercomb Row 3: Keelie Gragido, Brittany Raab, Coach N. Bergman, Deja Simon, Dakotah Olah

#### C-TEAM GIRLS BASKETBALL



Row 1: Lauren Gora, Sarah Elrod, Grace Elrod, Riley Cruse Row 2: Coach S. Ralph, Katherine Krick, Amanda Bishop, Lindsey Wilson, Sydni Gizynski, Mary Kalbrunner (mgr.), Volunteer Coach N. Goodeve

#### VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL JV BOYS BASKETBALL



Row 1: Jordan Petty (mgr.), Ivett Eulloqui (mgr.), Daniel DalSanto, Julian Tucker, Julius Davila, Tyler Brankin, Antonio Pagan, Tyler Betustak (mgr.) Row 2: Coach T. Brankin, Nate Amon, Branden Pulleyblank, Zack Syvertsen, Zach Petraitis, Brendan Anderson, Nick Thompson, Coach J. Heckard, Coach T. Reynolds

#### FRESHMAN BOYS



Row 1: Graem Stickann, Steven Fowler, Arick Casiano, Raul Maldonado Row 2: Ethan Fitt, Frank Vargas, Allex Pulleyblank, Samuel Carpenter, Harrison Bronisz Row 3: Matthew Cotner, Nicholas Anderson, Nathan Tuskan, Damen Castillo, Bradley Spellings, Coach A. Belli

#### **GIRLS SWIM & DIVE**



Row 1: Mikayla Goetz, Tamara Templeton, Chloe Jarmula, Riley Henry, Grace Miedema Row 2: Coach C. Fleming, Riley O'Connor (mgr.), Paige Spiegel, Reilly Panozzo, Abigail White (mgr.), Hanna Graves, Maulie Lewandowski, Morgan Rose Row 3: Coach R. Harrington, Hannah Johnson, Sarah Wagner, Emma Labounty, Elisha Matiscik, Jackie Smailis



Row 1: Christopher Manyek, Darnell Harwood, Eric Wood, Joshua Gunderson, Jack Holl Row 2: Coach T. Brankin, Patrick Manyek, Cody Wallace, Jarrod Thiele, Bradley Reynolds, Michael Kerber, Curtis Gibson

#### **WRESTLING**



Row 1: Jacob Hirchak, Michael LeNeave, Benjamin Cruz, Jr., Eric Larkin, Justice Zachery, Dominic Miceli Row 2: Adam Zehner, Ryan McKnight, Nathaniel Montoya, Justin Maldonado, David Alcaraz, Mohammed Issa, Jacob Diaz Row 3: Coach D. Robbins, Islam Hamad, Joseph Sheehan, Nathan Fisher, David Gajewski, Ethan O'Riley, Kyle Foster, Seth Leon, Xavier Garcia, Coach C. Krincic

#### **BOYS SWIM & DIVE**



Row 1: Scott Stange, Clayton Whiting, Ethan Morgan, Joshua Almazan, Christopher Dabrowski, Hunter Reilly Row 2: Nathan Whiting, Ryan Fiegle, Adam Castillo, Richard Walker, Matthew Byquist, Estevan Ramirez, Edward Pedroza Row 3: Coach C. Fleming, David Hoffman, Aaron Sytsma, Cristian Zendejas, William Lengel, Kyle Polster, Kyle Wilhite, Jacob Munsie, Kyle Herron Row 4: Coach R. Harrington, Tristan Spiegel, Anthony Gibson, Maxwell Mastey, Griffin Grider, Mitchell Mastey, Nicholas Keil, Zachary Kochvar, Vicente Ayon, James Vaughn, Daniel Piech

#### **VARSITY BASEBALL**



Row 1: Clayton Keltner, Patrick Manyek, Andrew Kinley, Jack Gluth, Noah Velez, Jason Kornacki, Nolan Petree Row 2: Jeremy O'Donnell, William Polen, Brett Sabo, Michael Domagalski, Nicholas Anderson, Christopher Manyek Row 3: Kevin O'Donnell, Luke Podgorny, Volunteer Coach B. Gordon, Coach J. Bogner, Coach M. Bugajski, Zachary Syvertsen, Jordan Petty

#### FRESHMAN BASEBALL



Row 1: Mason Gluth, Raul Maldonado, Samuel Carpenter, Brian Burbridge, Matthew Domagalski, Steven Fowler Row 2: x, Arick Casiano, Clayton Whiting, Daniel Piech, Zakery Pizer, Collin Kinley Row 3: Coach C. Grinnell, Bradley Spellings, Matthew Cotner, Tyler Brankin, Casey Austin, Gannon Grider, Nathan Tuskan

#### JV BASEBALL



Row 1: Nathan Riffle, David Long, Jr., Benjamin Grimler, Matthew Hatfield Row 2: Angel Vaquera, Zachary Vassar, Trevor O'Donnell, Brandon Burbridge, Sullivan Stickann Row 3: Collin Reilly, Damen Castillo, Ryan Thomas, Austin Svihlik, Anthony Gibson, Coach A. Bugajski

#### **BOYS GOLF**



Row 1: Kolin Palmer, Kodie Wilson, Alexander Fitt, Nicholas Lewandowski, Jayson Stevens Row 2: Kylie Richardson (mgr.), Hunter Houchin, James Jamroz, Katherine Harnisch (mgr.), Row 3: Jack Lebeter, Jonathan Payne, Luke Wadkins, Kyle Wilhite, Coach D. Richardson

#### **BOYS TRACK**



Row 1:Coach A. Belli, Coach Lukowski, Logan Andreatta, Adrian Chavez, Isaac Hernandez, Edmond Frank, Tristian Celmer, Ismael Aldana, Cristian Chavez, Victoria Smith (mgr.), Coach Sullivan, Coach Oaks Row 2: Nicholas Tejeda, Donald Toweson, Anfernee Perez-Aquino, Nathaniel Montoya, Ryan McKnight, Julius Davila, Shawn Rogers, Jr., Misael Contreras, Jack Mulligan, x Row 3: Graem Stickann, Scott Stange, Joshua Mulligan, Tristen Comer, Michael Kristy, Kyle Pfister, Jonah Aifuwa, Gabriel Mondragon, Sasa Zdrnja, Edward Pedroza, Tyler Woods Row 4: Austin Guerra, Andrew Carstensen, Aaron Harmon, Estevan Ramirez, Anthony Hecimovich, x, Jamaine Callion, Joshua Solis, Myron Magee, Angel Mata Row 5: Cristian Zendejas, Bradley Trichak, Joshua Bertossi, Joseph Stoica, Taylor Lloyd, Hunter Hudnall, Curtis Gibson, Eric Rentschler, Shane Kline, Ashton Wilson

#### **VARSITY SOFTBALL**



Row 1: Jacey Bertalan, Miranda Menzyk, Samantha Tedesco, Danielle Fowler, Bailey Whitehead Row 2: Elizabeth Hoffman, Rachel Bremer, Lilliana Avina, Felicity Hillegonds, Jordan Quinones, Lindsey Norton Row 3: Coach S. Funston, Kassidy Morinville, Jenna Orange, Brittany Raab, Coach M. Cioffi

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Row 1: Hannah Starcevich, Sarah Elrod, Courtney Morton, Dailigh Romano, Jennifer Sheehan Row 2:Nicole Czarnecki, Angelica Avina, Grace Elrod, Kaitlyn Pecoski Row 3: Coach J. Brannagan, Moriah McCormick, Allison Brown, Sydni Gizynski, Coach A. Richwalski

#### **GIRLS TENNIS**



Row 1: Ladeja Gamble, Julia Minton, Lauren Frick, Morgan Salazar, Sydney Hernandez, Madison Blanchard, Ivett Eulloqui Row 2: Kenna Crowel, Zoe Kim, Jozlyn Velazquez, Sara Gordon, Danielle Hernandez, Chloe Conaway, Manasi Arya, Berenice Iniguez Row 3: Nikolas Swetz, Rhaven Richardson, Megan McCarty, Kathleen Doolittle, Olivia Casiano, Lindsay Grzymski, Keyanna Liptak, Amanda Bishop Row 4: Coach J. Heckard, Tyler Betustak (mgr.), Nicole Magiera, Kayla Koza, Rachel Leep, Holly Santaguida, Julissa Iniguez, Brittany Brzek, Christian Vazquez (mgr.)



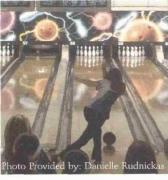
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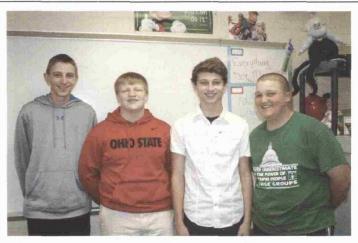








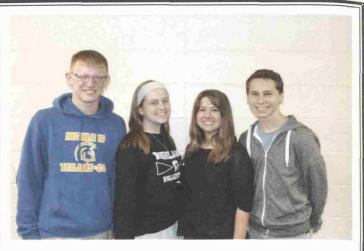




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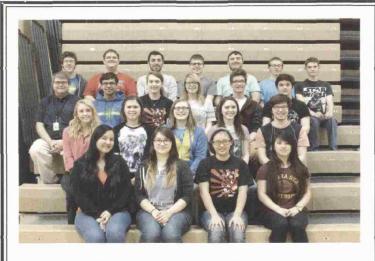
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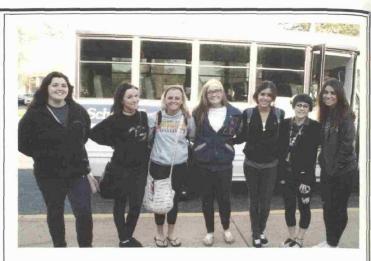
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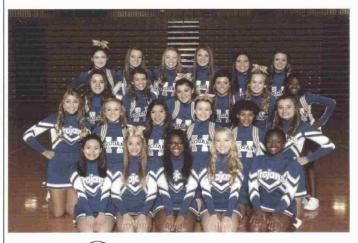
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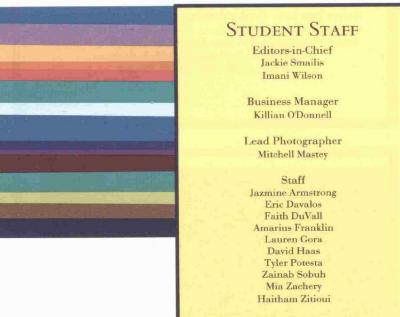


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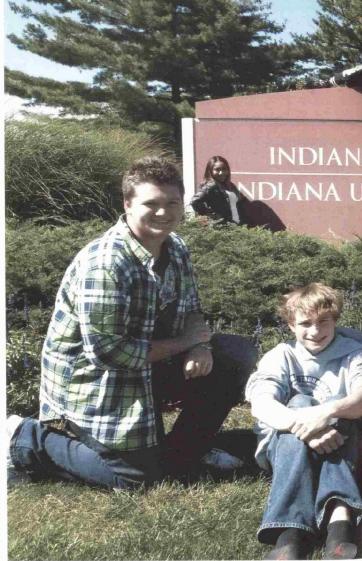
## The Shield

With only a handful of staff members, this group was one that was open to ideas and improving the quality of Highland's yearbook. From the beginning of theme development and staff assignments, the goal was to create more than the average copy for our student body. Attending workshops, weekly staff meetings and working with Herff Jones Representative, Mrs. Betty Samples our small team met our goal. Senior editorial staff, Jackie Smailis (12), Imani Wilson (12) and Killian O'Donnell (12) balanced their counterparts to coordinate task completion and deadlines.

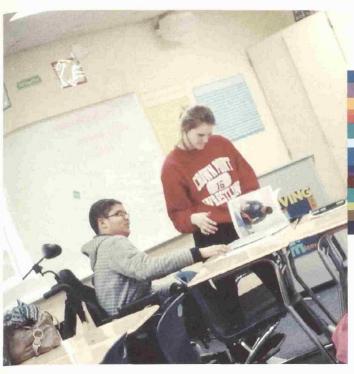






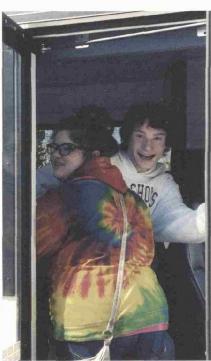


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Haitham Zitioui (11) helps Jackie Smailis (12) with layout ideas for the "Little Hopes...Big Dreams" edition.





Tyler Potesta (10) and Faith DuVall (10) jump on a mini bus to head to Ball State University for a Journalisim Workshop.

Staffers traveled to Indiana University & Purdue University in Indianapolis for a day for a Herff Jones workshop.



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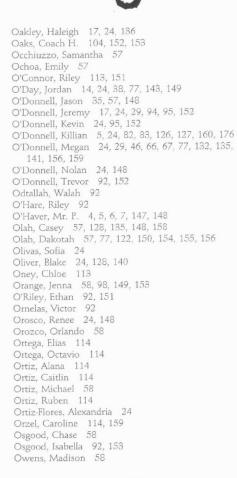
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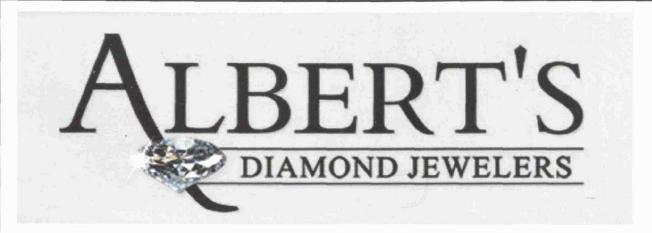


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Our wish for you is to continue that kindness and smile in all you do.

You are so very special to us.

Te amamos Talitha

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Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart.

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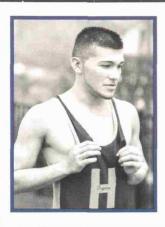
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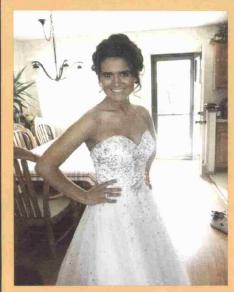
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The dedication and determination that you displayed while working to graduate a whole year early amazes us. These are your strongest qualities, and they will help you to achieve all of your dreams. We are so proud of your accomplishments!

We love you so much, Dad, Mom, Megan, & Granny

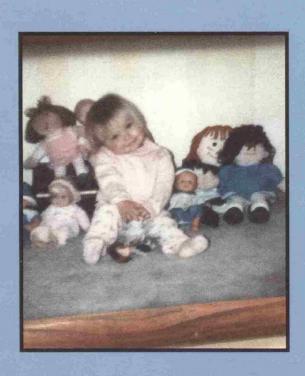


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We are so proud of all you have accomplished, and the amazing person you have become.
Good luck at Purdue and enjoy every moment.
We love you!
Dad, Mom and Jessica





Our precious Anna~
We love you more than words
can ever say and to express
how proud we are of you is
impossible! We are confident
you'll go far and we pray life
provides you every opportunity
and joy while you're living your
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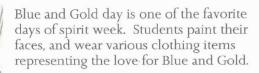


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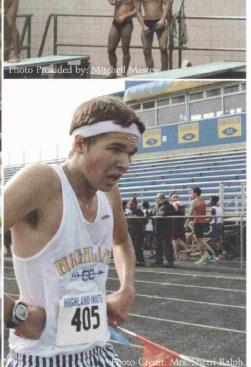
Through these rapid years of our lives called high school we continue to grow. It is during this time that we find our individual personalities and mature into the young adults we could not wait to become. As Highland Trojans, we have learned to support each other through every obstacle by becoming one as a community to support our teams and competing groups, fight cancer and build strength within each other. Through the tough times we have learned to lean on our family, friends, teachers, counselors, sponsors, coaches and classmates. Each year is a learning experience, teaching us that we should never take the little things for granted, appreciate all that we have, and most importantly never give up on what we believe in. No matter where life takes us as we exit through the big blue doors, simply always remember the good, and remember the lessons learned from the bad. So as this school year ends and we close the chapter of little hopes we built we can turn open a new chapter and make our big dreams a reality.





Mitchell Mastey (12) gains height in a dive mid season. Mastey focused on diving so that he could have post season success.





Lauren Frick (10) and Nancy Garay (10) gather together on their float during the annual Homecoming parade.

Taylor Lloyd (11) crosses the finish line of the Highland Invitational.

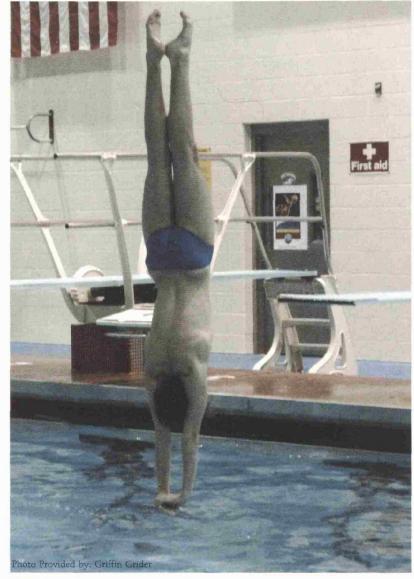




David Phillips (12) wins one of his wrestling matches at home during his senior season.

A beautiful sunset comes over Sypult Memorial Field with a packed set of stands cheering on the Trojans.

## The Shield, Vol. 56



All American Mitchell Mastey (12) was named an All American by meeting national requirements in Diving after a fantastic senior season.

Spirit The Freshman Class Officers can't hide their booming spirit behind the masquerade masks this homecoming season.

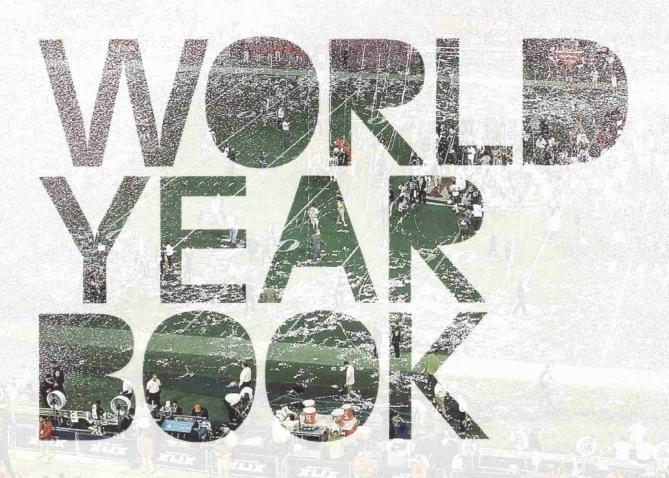
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## A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

#### A YEAR CAPTURED

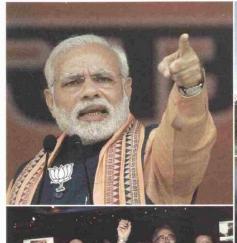
Some parts of the year were mysterious, others were awesome and empowering, and still others — tragic. Take a look back at this collection of the year's highs and lows, from music, science and weather to fashion trends, technology and sports, and lots of things in between.



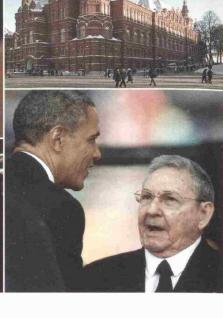
#### SHIFTING POWER..

appointed Narendra Modi as the new Prime Minister. succeeding Manmohan Singh. UNEASINESS AFFECTS OTHER NATIONS Problematic situations in Russia fueled by a less than desirable economic state and varying opinions of immigration challenges — emphasized struggles within the country and caused other nations to react. The unrest led to Sweden's plan to re-train citizens previously enlisted in the Swedish army. SCOTLAND REMAINS Given the chance to be an independent nation, 55% of Scottish citizens voted to remain a part of the United Kingdom. Celebrating ensued after new life was given to a nation contemplating succession. CUBA AND U.S. MAKE AMENDS President Obama restored full diplomatic relations between Cuba after 50 years. This led to the release of suspected American spy Alan Gross who was being held in a Cuban prison. Obama, in turn, released

three Cuban spies who had been imprisoned for years.







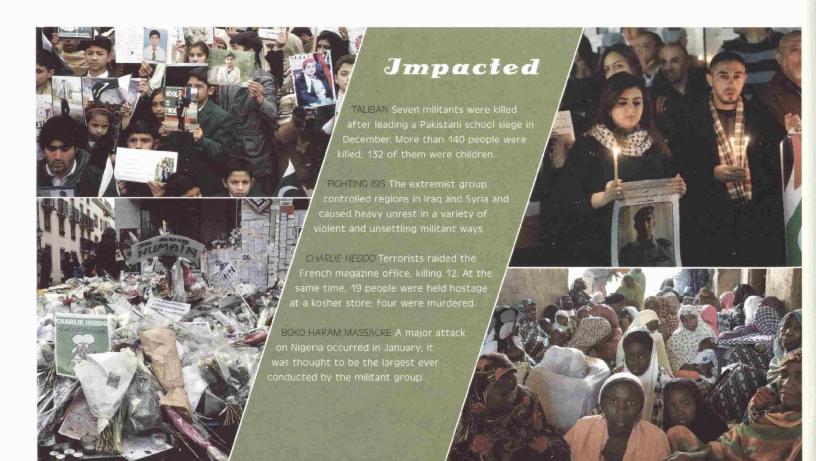
#### MH17: WHO TO BLAME?

Definitive evidence showed that Malaysia Airlines MH17 was shot down by a missile. Investigation continued as no group took full responsibility. However, speculations pointed to Russian forces.





AIRASIA INDONESIA
CRASH Flight QZ8501
crashed into the Java
Sea near Borneo in late
December, carrying 162
passengers. The aircraft
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Singapore when its signal
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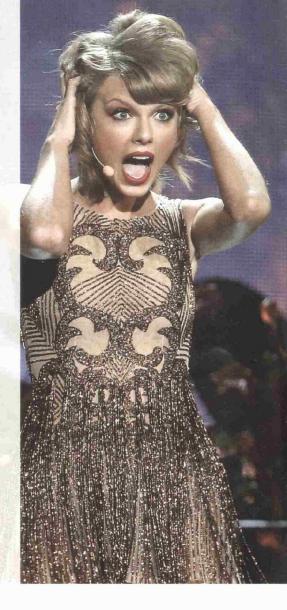




# TALK ABOUT SUCCESS

#### Swift History and Some Lovable Brits

There was no denying the crazy success generated in 2014 by Taylor Swift, Sam Smith, Ed Sheeran and One Direction — they all continued making headlines (the good kind). Swift made history as "Blank Space" replaced "Shake It Off" on Billboard's Top 100; she was the only female to ever accomplish this. Her newest album, 1989, sold more than one million copies its first week. And there was clearly something about the British. One Direction had the highest grossing tour, raking in \$131.5 million in just the first six months of 2014. Fellow Brits Sam Smith and Ed Sheeran were big winners during awards season. Smith took home four Grammys - Record of the Year and Song of the Year for Stay with Me, Best New Artist and Best Pop Vocal Album. Finally, Ed Sheeran won numerous awards, namely People's Choice Favorite Male Artist, Favorite Album for X, Teen Choice Male Artist and MTV VMA's Best Male Video for "Sing" with Pharrell Williams.



THEY LOOK SO PERFECT

2014 was a busy and Australian rock band. The group took home the Teen Choice Breakout Group award, American of the Year, released a self-titled debut album a tour. I'M SO FANCY Australian hip-hop artist Iggy Azalea won a an AMA for Favorite Hip-Hop Artist. Her single. Song by iTunes and won Teen Choice Award's R&B/ hip-hop song.

SUPER BOWL STARDOM Katy Perry performed successful year for Super Bowl XLIX's halftime show. She entered on a 5 Seconds of Summer. huge prismed, metal tiger, but the surprises didn't end there. Missy Elliott joined Perry to perform Music Award's New Artist a set of three hits. Elliott had not produced an album since 2005 which in July and wrapped up led many to question who she even was. QUEEN BEY Bevoncé's successes continued. She was People's Choice Award, a named iTunes Best Artist, Teen Choice Award and opened for the Grammys - where she won both Best R&B Song and "Fancy" was named Best Performance — renewed her vows with Jay Z, and starred in the 17-city "On the Run" tour.













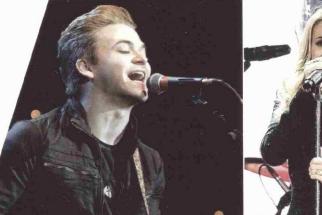
ARIANA GRANDE Teen Choice Female Artist and People's Choice Favorite Breakout Artist were only two of the awards Grande added to her collection.

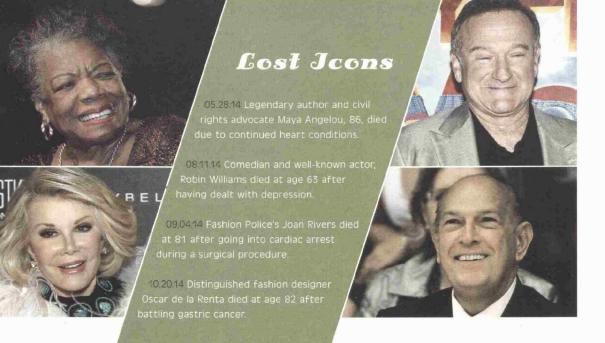
MIRANDA LAMBERT This Texas-born country star won several notable awards including a Grammy for Best Country Album and three separate CMA awards.

HUNTER HAYES People's Choice Favorite Country Male Artist went to 23-year-old Hayes, who also released a second album for which he co-wrote every track.

CARRIE UNDERWOOD In addition to winning the Favorite Female Country Artist AMA and People's Choice awards, she debuted a baby bump in September.









#### cultural issues impact legislation

#### DEATH WITH DIGNITY

Brittany Maynard was a 29-year-old Californian who learned that her brain cancer would ultimately kill her. She was told her condition would only worsen, so she decided that death with dignity was the best option. Her family relocated to Oregon, one of just three states that honored this decision, where she ended her life on November 1, 2014. Before her death, she worked closely with Compassion & Choices, an end-of-life choice advocacy group, in hopes to make choice an option for other terminally ill individuals.

#### **GUN CONTROL & MENTAL HEALTH**

Due to school shootings like the one at Sandy Hook Elementary and more than 20 others in the two years since, gun control became an issue that demanded attention. But the focus turned toward mental health and the attention it deserved in regard to tragic shootings. It was perplexing to some that only 27 states increased funding for mental health in 2014. There were hopes that other states would pattern plans like Virginia, Minnesota and Wisconsin in their efforts to provide proactive mental health services for clients of all ages.

## MEMORIAL MUSEUM DEDICATION In May, 2014, the September 11

Memorial Museum opened to the public in New York, and displayed familiar 9/11 sights and artifacts. OPEN FOR BUSINESS Thirteen years after 9/11, One World Trade Center — the tallest building in America — opened its doors.



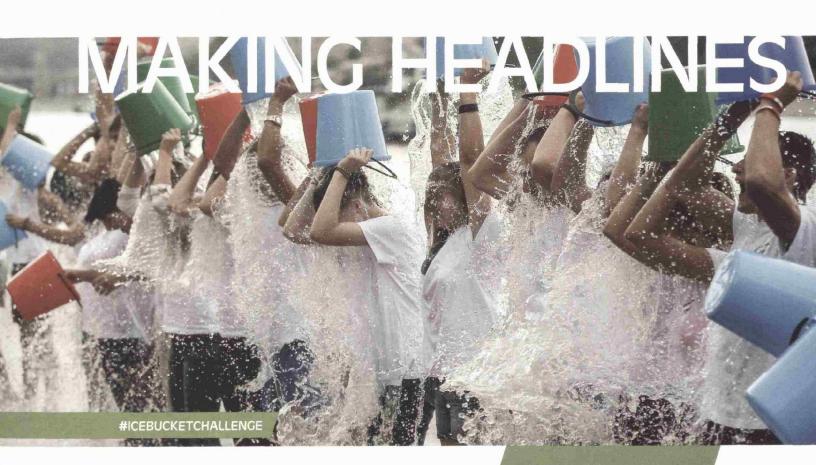


#### Raisina Awareness ALS CHALLENGE Social media allowed the "ice Bucket Challenge" to go viral. Designed to raise awareness of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), people would post a video of themselves dumping ice water over their heads and then challenge someone else to do the same or alternatively. donate money to The ALS Association. The campaign raised more than \$220 million worldwide.



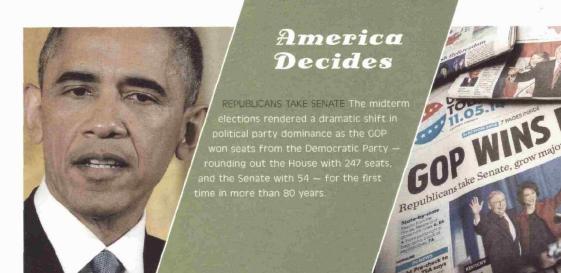


Gommunity Tension Escalates Michael Brown, an African American teen in Ferguson, Missouri, was shot and killed by white police officer Darren Wilson in August. Violent and ongoing riots erupted in Ferguson and other U.S. cities, especially after the jury decided not to indict Officer Wilson. In Ferguson, windows and storefronts were shattered, stores were looted, shots were fired and police squad cars were set aflame. Crowds gathered In other parts of the country to protest, claiming that justice had not been served. To make matters worse, the events in Ferguson occurred just three weeks after 43-year-old Eric Garner was approached by officers in New York who observed him selling untaxed cigarettes. Garner reportedly had his hands in the air for police, but was put into a chokehold and thrown to the ground where he muttered, "I can't breathe! I can't breathe!" After lying motionless on the ground, Garner, an asthmatic, died on the way to the hospital. Protests nationwide regarding his death followed — including one with his family marching alongside Reverend Al Sharpton in Upper Manhattan calling for a full investigation of his death.





FORGOTTEN A memorial honored police officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, who were shot and killed in their squad car in Brooklyn. The shooter, Ismaaiyl Brinsley who then killed himself, had earlier posted on social media expressing distaste for the police.



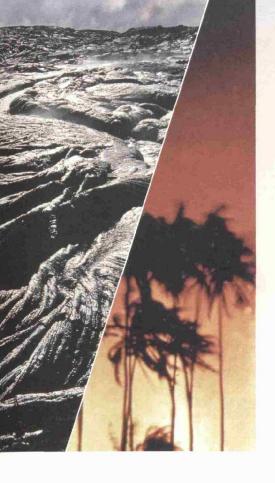


TWIN TORNADOS Pilger, Nebraska, witnessed rare twin twisters in mid-June causing two deaths, 16 injuries and flattened homes. The Philippines, China and Vietnam fell victim to a July super typhoon that claimed more than 150 lives, destroyed thousands of homes and wiped out crops. STORM While the strongest rainstorm in years hit California and the Pacific Northwest in February leaving thousands without power and causing flooding and mudslides, the storms were not enough to eliminate drought A 6.0 tremblor, the strongest since 1989, shook the Napa Valley. Dozens were injured, thousands lost power, and several buildings and roads were damaged.



#### **TECHNOLOGICAL**

NETHERLANDS SOLAROAD The world's first solar road was built in Krommenie, Holland - a 230-foot long bike path that turned sunlight into energy to power street lights, traffic lights and even households. Officials planned to continue testing the solar road to develop even more energy-producing roads. SPACESHIPTWO Co-pilot Michael Alsbury died in Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo as it disintegrated above California due to a premature unlocking of its feathering system. His co-pilot was injured, but parachuted to safety. ROSETTA MISSION History was made as spacecraft Philae landed on a comet 300 million miles from Earth. Harpoons shot into the comet's surface, anchoring the craft to the ground. Philae was set to drill for samples and help European astronomers study the composition and magnetic fields of the comet. but the inability to recharge its solar panels caused Philae to go missing. MARYAM MIRZAKHANI For the first time ever, the Fields Medal went to a woman. Iranianborn Mirzakhani spent a decade mathematically analyzing billiard geometrics to understand the symmetry of curved surfaces. NEREUS DEEP SEA SUBMARINE The \$8 million U.S. craft imploded under intense pressure 10 kilometers down during an exploration of the Kermadec Trench near Northeast New Zealand. The robot was built in 2008 and offered insights to unexplored oceans within its brief life.



## NOT THE NORM

#### Volcanic Action in Hawaii and Iceland

Lava from the Bardarbunga volcano flowed after a series of earthquakes in late August, expanding the size of Iceland. The spreading of the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates allowed lava to fill the gap, increasing Iceland's land area; enough molten rock was released to cover an NFL football field every 5.5 minutes. Unlike the eruption in Hawaii, no one lived near Bardarbunga's lava flow. Mount Kilauea on Hawaii's 'Big Island', one of the world's most active volcanos, erupted in June, threatening surrounding communities with a continuous river of lava. It surged toward the town of Pahoa causing most residents to evacuate, as there were few other options. Gravel roads were built as escape routes, but some residents requested to watch their homes burn in order to cope with the loss.







DREADNOUGHTUS Bones from possibly the largest dinosaur in existence approximately 85 feet long and 65 tons - were unearthed in Argentina's southwestern Patagonia. The Charleston Museum held the fossils of a newly discovered species and presumably the largest flying bird ever. P. sandersi had a 20-24 foot wingspan and was thought to be alive 25 to 28 million years ago.





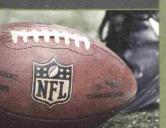


#### WINNER, WINNER...

TOUR DE FRANCE Vincenzo Nibali was the 101st winner of the race that he led for 18 of the 21 days allotted for the contest. AUGUSTA MASTERS Bubba Watson earned his second green jacket with a 15-foot birdie putt on the 18th green. U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN Michelle Wie, 24, won the U.S. Women's Open - her first career major with a final-round even-par 70. NASCAR Kevin Harvick raises the Sprint Cup Trophy after he raced to victory at Homestead-Miami Speedway. CZECH VICTORY AT WIMBLEDON Petra Kvitova defeated Canadian Eugenie Bouchard 6-3, 6-0 to win the singles title. BCS CHAMP Ohio State Buckeyes won the College Football Playoff Championship over the Oregon Ducks with a final score of 42-20. WIMBLEDON CENTRE COURT Novak Djokovic defeated Roger Federer in a five-set match with scores of 6-7(7), 6-4, 7-6(4), 5-7 and 6-4. HEISMAN Oregon Ducks QB Marcus Mariota took honors as the first Hawaiian to win the Heisman Trophy after a three-year journey with the team. KENTUCKY DERBY California Chrome and jockey Victor Espinoza won the famed race in Louisville with Commanding Curve and Danza finishing second and third.

### KEEPING SCORE





Spiraling Sports Controversies NASCAR, NBA and NFL found themselves surrounded by controversy accompanied by inevitable attention, opinions and the need for decisions to be made. LA Clipper's former owner, Donald Sterling found himself in the spotlight after being accused of making racist remarks that upset many. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver decided to ban Sterling from the NBA for life, fined him the maximum of \$2.5 million and forced him to sell the team. Three-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Champion Tony Stewart was involved in an accident on a dirt track in New York in which his car struck and killed 20-year-old driver Kevin Ward. Controversy continued following an Ontario County grand jury's decision not to indict Stewart after finding no evidence that he actually committed a crime. Domestic violence incidents unveiled within the NFL pushed Commissioner Roger Goodell to enact tougher penalties for such behavior through new policies that held players more accountable for their actions, with little to no gray area.







NO. 2 RETIRED Derek Jeter finished his career with an RBI single in the Yankees' 9-5 victory over the Boston Red Sox. He hugged his teammates and waved goodbye to 36,879 fans in Fenway Park, The stadium, social media and fans everywhere bid a heartfelt farewell to the Captain. SPORTSCASTER REMEMBERED After a lengthy battle with appendix cancer, Stuart Scott died at age 49. His talent, work ethic and dedication to the world of sports created the legacy he left behind. Philadelphia's Mo'Ne Davis was named SportsKid of the Year and was the first female pitcher to ever win a Little League World Series shut-out.



# THE BIG SCREEN Google took over the largest billboard in Times Square with a 7769 x 329 65 foot Mitsubishi Electric display. The record-breaking billboard took up an entire block on Broadway.



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#### CAMERA CRAZY..

SELFIES ON A STICK These new devices gained popularity because they allowed users to take photos, specifically selfies, in a more inclusive way. However, many popular museums like New York's MoMA banned the selfie sticks for visitor safety and protection of the art. DRONES AND PRIVACY President Obama issued an Executive Order regarding the federal use of drones and the privacy concerns that followed. Obama said drones "may play a transformative role in fields as diverse as urban infrastructure management, farming, public safety... and disaster response." AMAZON AND GOPRO Leading into the holidays, Amazon announced its number one selling camera — the GoPro, a wearable type of camera often used when performing high-action sports like skiing, motorsports and other extreme outdoor activities.



IN THE KITCHEN Culinary technologies like the Foodini and ChefJet advanced and increased the odds of 3D printing your food and desserts. IN THE OPERATING ROOM John Cousins began a 3D printing business and used it to create replicas of his kidneys to help doctors operate on him when he had appendicitis.

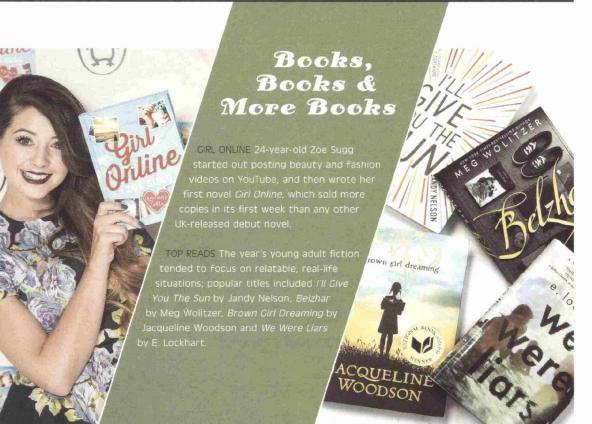


DESTINY Developed by the same creator as Halo. the game made more than \$500 million the day it was released, making it the best selling video game ever. BAYONETTA 2 A sequel to the first Bayonetta, the game was published by Nintendo for Wii U and was awarded a Forbes Gold Award, MARIO KART 8 The popular kart racing game, released worldwide in May, won a Forbes Gold Award and took the number five spot on Time's "Top 10 Best Video Games of the Year" list.



#### north korean hack on sony

Sony Pictures was hacked in late November and North Korea was immediately blamed because of Sony's plan to release the comedy, The Interview, featuring an assassination attempt on supreme leader Kim Jong Un. North Korea denied the claim, but the FBI later confirmed that they were indeed behind the hack. Sony decided not to release the film after North Korea threatened violent attacks on the U.S. When Obama called the hack an act of cyber vandalism, the film was shown on Christmas Day in 330 independent theaters and was available for streaming online for just \$5.99. The movie made \$15 million in its first four days of release.









#### Movies & Television

SIMPSONS The show received Best and Favorite Animated TV Show on the Teen Choice and People's Choice Awards and celebrated its 25th year on-air.

THE FAULT IN OUR STARS The John Green novel turned into a movie released in June. It made \$124,872,350 at the box office.

MODERN FAMILY The ABC show won three Emmys, including Outstanding Supporting Actor with Ty Burrell as Phil Dunphy.

THE HUNGER GAMES Mockingjay Part I was the highest grossing film of the year, raking in \$336 million.

BIG BANG THEORY Jim Parsons won an Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actor; the show also earned three separate honors at the Teen Choice and People's Choice Awards.

ELLEN The comedian won Favorite Daytime TV Host at the People's Choice Awards.

**GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY** The PG-13 film hit theaters in August and was the second highest grossing film of the year.

AMERICAN SNIPER Starring Bradley Cooper, this film made more than \$280 million the month following its wide release.

PRETTY LITTLE LIARS The ABC drama won Teen Choice Award's Best Drama and People's Choice Favorite Cable TV Drama.

SNL The show celebrated its 40th anniversary in February with big-name appearances and hilarious skits.

BEST ACTRESS Julianne Moore won an Oscar for her talented portrayal in Still Alice.

BEST ACTOR Eddie Redmayne won a coveted Oscar for his intense performance in The Theory of Everything.

JON STEWART The television host announced his decision to leave The Daily Show after 17 years of anchoring the show.

BEST ANIMATED FEATURE Big Hero 6 won an Oscar; the movie featured a large inflatable robot and a team of high-tech heroes.

MALEFICENT Starring Angelina Jolie, this movie won Favorite Movie/Favorite Family Movie at the People's Choice Awards.



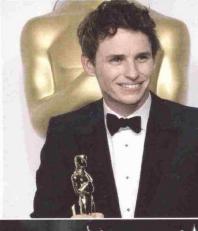




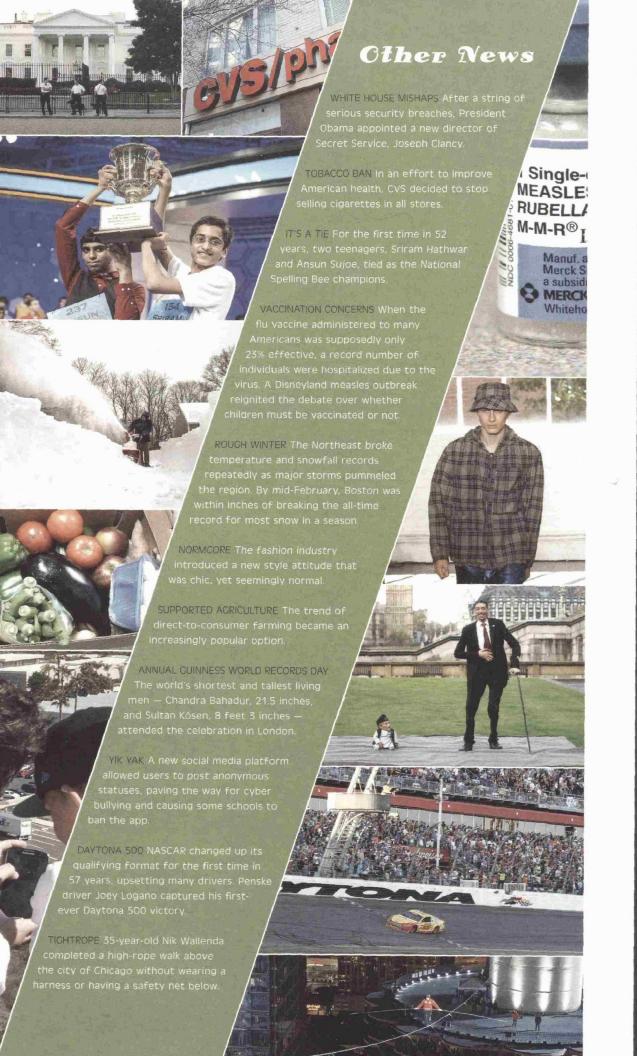


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ANOTHER ROYAL BABY
Kate Middleton and
Prince William announced
in September that they
were expecting their
second child. CLOONEY
TIES THE KNOT One of
Hollywood's most eligible
bachelors married Amal
Alamuddin in a private
ceremony in Venice, Italy.
LIVELY-REYNOLDS
BABY Power couple
Blake Lively and Ryan
Reynolds welcomed

BABY Power couple
Blake Lively and Ryan
Reynolds welcomed
their first child to the
world in December — a
baby girl whose name
remained a mystery for
months. BRANGELINA
After 10 years and six
children together, Brad
Pitt and Angelina Jolie
were wed in a private
ceremony attended by
just 20 family members
and friends in a chapel
at Château Míraval in
Correns, France.



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